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LSC dedicates baseball/softball

By Joshua Terry

Lyndon Center-At 1:30 P.M.. Sunday, September 14 LSC's first baseball coach Melvin Schmid and LSC alum Barbara Sargent '59 will pitch out the first baseball and softball dedicating Lyndon State College's new softball and baseball fields.

In years past LSC teams had no home fields on campus, forcing them to play home games at Fisher Field, located across from the Lyndon Outing Club. A committee made up of college and community members sought to rectify that situation last fall with a fund-raising campaign to support construction of the fields. A capital construction allocation from college funds will cover \$100,000 of the cost, leaving the balance for \$75,000 as the campaign goal.

To date the committee has raised \$65,000 from college alumni, faculty staff and friends, said Tammi Cady, LSC's director of development and alumni affairs, women's softball coach and member of the committee. She expects the remaining \$10,000 to come from merchants, gifts inkind and alumni.

The new fields are located back to back at the north end of campus overlooking Burke Mountain, and are college-and-

baseball field, which has a natural grass infield and outfield is 400 feet at straight-away center. The right field line is 325 feet and the left field line is 330 feet. The softball field has a skin infield and a symmetrical 250-foot fence. Both fields will be surrounded by a 6-foot wire mesh fence.

tremendous impact on the softball and baseball programs," said Skip Pound, LSC's athletic director and

show them their home field, and will lift the pride and add to the whole aesthetic to the campus."

Pound said he also sees the project as a way to connect to the community: an open invitation to LSC's neighbors to visit the campus.

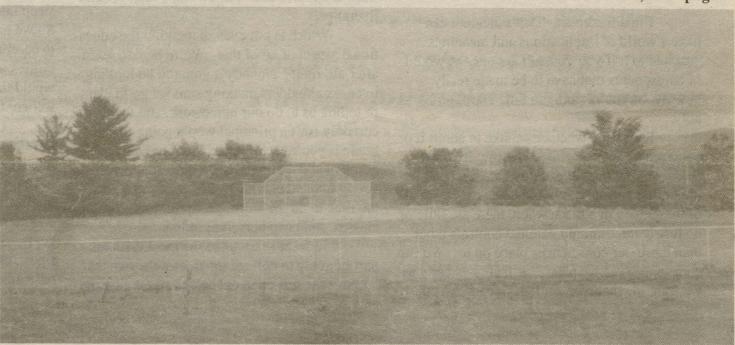
"We're working hand-in-"The fields will have a hand with the community on this," he said.

> Linda Lee, President of the Lyndonville Youth Baseball/Softball

tournament-regulation size. The baseball coach. "It will help in League, said the league thought it recruiting students, being able to was a good idea and a good opportunity to get in on the ground level. The league has pledged \$5,000 a year over four years towards the project. The five boy's Babe Ruth baseball teams and four girl's Senior League softball teams will have unlimited access to the fields during their seasons.

> "Basically when our season starts, the college will be all done," Lee said. "The view is fantastic

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The new fields will provide a facility for both LSC and the surrounding community. Photo by Patrick Gordon

EPA reaches settlement agreement at Burnham takes the Parker Landfill Superfund Site post as President

By Brad Ross

An agreement has been reached between the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Justice and the State of Vermont and 13 of 14 possibly responsible parties to construct a cap a the Parker Landfill Superfund Site in Lyndon, Vermont.

The Parker Sanitary Landfill sits on a 25 acre site that was operated as a solid waste landfill for 20 years, from 1972 to 1992. In the years before 1983, about 1 million gallons of liquid wastes and 760 tons of solid and semi-solid wastes were deposited in at least 3 unlined areas of the landfill. These wastes included caustic cleaners, paint sludges, chlorinated solvent, metallic salts, and waste oils. During a site inspection in 1984, the state found

contaminants in a stream near the landfill, groundwater from the landfill, and four private wells about a mile from the site. Groundwater, soil, and stream surface waters are contaminated with volatile organic compounds such as trichloroethylene (TCE). The site is also unfenced allowing direct contact with hazardous substances, so trespassers and future residents face potential health threats should they come into contact with or ingest ground or surface water and soil.

Since the site is located in a residential area, around 3,200 people get their drinking water from a municipal well approximately 2 miles from the Parker Sanitary Landfill, and there are 124 private wells within a three mile radius. The stream bordering the landfill flows into the

Passumpsic River, which is used for recreational activities, so this problem concerns many people in this area and beyond.

These parties have agreed to pay the costs of and perform construction operations, as well as maintain a landfill cap. Such a cap would cost nearly \$7.8 million. One of the major worries was that the high costs associated with the cap would result in local businesses and residents would have to bear the brunt of the cleanup costs. The EPA, however, has volunteered to reimburse the parties involved at least \$3 million. also, the EPA and the State of Vermont have agreed to forgive \$400,00 in past costs incurred, and provide an initial credit of \$600,00 towards future costs to some of the parties in-

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By Joshua Terry

In June, LSC Interim President was enjoying retirement at his East Burke home when he was approached by The Vermont State College General Counsel to take over the reigns at LSC.

"I flunked retirement", said Burnham who came aboard to LSC as an Interim President in July after former President Peggy Williams moved on to become President of Ithaca College.

Burnham has been involved in the education since after serving the military during the Korean War and The Cold War for the National Security Agency. He graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Business Administration using the GI Bill to pay for school.

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Opinion Dreams

Former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz recently revealed on ESPN the thing he would miss most about coaching the Fighting Irish. It wasn't playing on crisp Indiana Saturday afternoons in front of thousands of people and millions tuning in on television. It wasn't that Notre Dame was always a contender for the national championship and a benchmark in any team in the country's schedule. Holtz said this, "The thing I will miss about couching is being able to be around a group of young people and dreaming." According to Holtz, the real pleasure he got out of couching was being able to dream with his team and set goals to attain.

Here at Lyndon State College we too have the power to dream both personally and collectively. Whether you are a first year student getting comfortable with your new surroundings or you are a fifth year senior ending your Lyndon experience you have the power to dream. What can you achieve this semester? What personal goals do you have? The answer lies in each and everyone of us. It is dictated by our power of imagination and our drive to succeed.

It all starts with a dream. It all starts SJANIGORES YRARBIJ DE With a blank sheet of paper or a clear computer screen. It starts when we get those nice new college planbooks. It begins the first day of your student teaching or the first day you step across those athletic lines as a Lyndon State athlete. It starts when you attend your first class. It starts at your first club or student senate meeting. Here on top of Vail Hill at Lyndon State College we have the tools to succeed. It is our job as students and as a community to allow ourselves to tap our dreams to set guidlines for success.

Bilbo Says

Adjustment

I'm a freshman. That statement can have a world of implications and meanings attached to it if you yourself are one. A would of adjustments that have to be made really quickly, or you're going to fall. Hard, prob-

For some, whether we like to admit it or not, going away to college is difficult. Suddenly we find ourselves thrust into new and unfamiliar surroundings and events. We are all of the sudden in a place where there are little or no restrictions, and no parental controls other than those our consciences place on us. We can come and go as we please, as late or as early as we want to wherever our legs or cars can take

us, and really not have to answer to anyone. We are now living in a would where three dollar cups are plentiful, and curfews are nonexistent. For some, the change in limitations is a minor one. For others, a major social liberation.

Which is not even to mention the educational aspect of all of this. We're here to learn after all, right? Nobody's going to be looking over our shoulders, making sure we go to class or telling us to do our homework, and there certainly isn't a principal who's going to call home if you're acting out. Mom or Dad isn't going to come into the bedroom and tell you to get up for school, either. It's up to us to find the time to do the work, get up for our morning classes, and keep ourselves in line.

So what I find to be the most difficult part of going to college, or at least the one that requires the most personal effort, is finding the

right balance. The right balance of social and intellectual stimulus. It is going to take some getting used to, I suppose. What we have to do, it would seem, is to find the equilibrium between school and our social lives. It's all to sleep late, get too drunk, or blow off classwork. So we have to weigh our priorities. We've got to carefully balance our educational responsibilities with our social priorities. That, on would think, is going to require a little bit of self control.

Undoubtedly, some of us are going to fall flat on our rears, and others will soar, both intellectually and socially. Those that do will have found that balance. Those that fall, either intellectually or socially, will not have found a way to get their priorities straight. Some will study. Some will party. Most of us will do just fine. Just don't work too hard. It is college, remember?

- Brad Ross

A look at what's new in Student

By Brad Ross

This new year Lyndon State College brings a variety of changes in the student government. These new structures and policies will undoubtedly allow our governing body to function far more smoothly and be a far more effective and well oiled organization.

The student government at LSC is modeled after our own federal government, with a House of Representatives and a Senate, all operating under the student body president, Joe Sinagra. Craig Giles will be the vice president. Other officers include John Kelble, the secretary, and Holly Scopa, who will be acting as the public relations director. Also, Tenley Middleton will be the treasurer for the 1997-98 school year. The House is composed of one representative from each club on campus, with the speaker of the house as Craig Giles, the VP. The senate

consists of four representatives from approach than the one taken last year, very excited about this coming year each class, and five members representing the entire student body.

The major change that has of six committees in the senate whose

job it will be to address student concerns and issues. This is a different

come up, and then a committee would be formed to deal with the topic. taken place this year is the formation This new administration will help the government to function more efficiently.

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President Joe Sinagra seems the students at LSC.

where an issue or problem would

He points to a good budget and hig involvement among the student bod as contributing factors to a great year for the student government. And a we all know, a good year in studer government means a good year fo

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Orientation '97:

By Joshua Terry

Four hundred and sixty new students arrived on campus this fall, making them the largest freshman class in Lyndon State College's 86 year history.

Last year the LSC admissions fielded more than 10,000 inquires about LSC. According to LSC Admissions Director Joe Belevance 1100 people sent applications to LSC and 460 chose to attend. In a brief speech to the freshman class at an

overall orientation welcome Belevance said, "We are glad you have arrived. You have made a wise choice."

LSC Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Kirk Manning adressed the new students and stressed that students should get involved in life outside the classroom and that students respect themselves and the rights of others. Manning focused on the importance of students controlling their own attitudes. Quoting Charles Swindoll, Manning said "I'm con-

vinced that life is 10% what happen to me and 90% how I react to it."

Critic Staff

new students attend LSC

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Changes to

By Brad Ross

This November, the LSC faculty will vote on a faculty committee recommendation to change Lyndon State College's General Education

Every ten years, LSC must be accredited by the New England Association for Schools and Colleges. Ten years ago, recommendations were made by the association concerning the General Education Program. This past April, the faculty approved these goals as a framework to the GEP program. These goals state, "An undergraduate education can transform lives. General Education is an important integrating component in that process. General education fosters student acquisition of cultural and scientific literacy for the exercise of critical thinking in personal and global problem solving. The purpose of General Education is to provide a core of knowledge, skills, and values for all students as a background for specific majors and careers, as a framework on which to assimilate new experience, and as a

Parker Landfillvolved, as part of a program called "orphan share reform".

This settlement is the end result of two years of negotiations between the EPA, DOJ, he State of Vermont and the settling parties. This agreement is known as a "consent decree". The EPA plans to pursue the remaining party for completion of the site cleanup, including responsibilities such as a groundwater containment system, and institutional controls in the area outside the cam and long-term monitoring.

John P. DeVillars, the administrator of the EPA's New England office, says, "This settlement will carry the Parker Landfill down

General Education come in Program

springboard for lifelong learning."

According to Jon Fitch, who is a member of the GEP committee.

the committee would like student input on the program, and they are open to suggestions from students.

The changes to be made will not effect anyone who is currently a student at Lyndon State College.

Student Body President reaches for prime time

What's up with Joe Sinagra's big summer of success?

By Brad Ross

Many of us here may not know all there is to know about our student body president, Joe Sinagra. Joe is not just a big fish in the little pond of Lyndon State. Far from it, actually. Joe is a big fish in a really big pond.

Joe is the National Second Vice President of the College Republican National Committee, or CRNC. That means that he is fourth in the chain of command in an orginazation of about three quarters of a million college students. He is the first Vermoner in the CRNC's 104 year history.

Joe is very busy lately, and he tries to visit four to six colleges a month for speaking engagements. He plans to travel all over the country, to such schools as the University of

- from page one removing a significant portion of the financial burden that would have been placed on the settling parties. This agreement will transfer into a cleaner, safer environment for the people of Lyndon."

The EPA plans to hold a public information meeting this fall to coincide with the construction of a landfill gas collection system. Ethan Allen, Inc. is designing the landfill cap under a separate legal agreement reached with the EPA. The capping job is expected to be completed in the summer of 1998.

The Lyndonville Town Manager was on vacation this week, and thus could not be reached for comas well. He is a very sought after priority, Lyndon State College.

Michigan, Iowa State, UNLV, and speaker, and works hard to balance Rutgers. He will certainly be speak- his responsibilities speaking around ing all over the New England region the region and country with his first



Student Body President Joe Sinagra. Photo By JT

Graduate takes top prize in student journalism competition

Mike Pelkey, a 1997 graduate of Lyndon State College, was awarded first place in the Television News Photography category of the national Mark of Excellence Awards competition for his camera work on a story about traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall.

The competion honors the best in student journalism from across the country. All the national winners are invited to the Society of Professional Journalists National Convention, in Denver, CO, 3-6.

Pelkey is a 1986 graduate of Spaulding High School, Pelkey earned his bachelor of science degree in Lyndon State's communication arts and sciences (CAS) department, with a concentration in telecommunications production. He is currently a video tape editor for ESPN in Bristol, Conn.

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President

After working for the Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco he got back into the education as a business manager for six large high schools in the Bay Area. He then enrolled at Stanford University and received a Doctorate in school finance studying under H. Thomas James, a national authority in the school finance field. Burnham then moved to the midwest where he worked as a professor and a Dean for the University of Illinois. While at Illinois he worked on an extensive project with the state to finance 400 million dollars to construct schools. Later he served on mid-west and national school commissions.

"I have been fortunate that people have been interested in my assistance," said Burnham who wrapped up his pre-retirement ca-

trom page one reer as Provost to Ohio State and as the CEO of New York University.

"I was nominated for this position at Lyndon by former President Williams and I thought why not? I came here in mid July and had a real opportunity to assess the situation and be ready," said Burham.

Burham added that he always been an active supporter of seizing the opportunity to learn more and expand his own and others thinking. "All of us have to be life-long learners, society is changing dynamically we all need a good foundation in the liberal arts and to develop a specialty to adapt to new situations. My role here is to support the agenda and to sharpen their focus in terms of goal and to inform the community about what a resource we have here at LSC."

The games lovers play: STD? Nothing we have to worry about

These three letters are a common abbreviation in the lives of college students today. Who cares? It won't happen to me or anyone I know. Lyndon State College is so small no one can transmit grotesque things like that.

Wrong. Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's) are now an ordinary occurrence on college campuses around the world. Only one true way to protect yourself remains—Abstinence. But who wants to do that? Look around, not many. Within the answer lies a tremendous problem affecting all of us.

Face the facts. Most people between the ages of 15 to 25 are not going to remain abstinent especially with the raging amounts of hormones that this age group possesses. No 100% cure is present today even with the mass quantity of technology available. What to do? The answer is simple: we need to educate ourselves about birth control and STD's. Information for you:

Condoms. Yes, they are rather slimy and have a nasty smell to them. Are they a 100% defender from STD's? Absolutely not. Condoms are usually latex, like a rubber glove, they are fragile and breakable. Condoms do help protect you and your partner from disease and pregnancy, but only 97% of the time. So what, there is only a 3% or so chance that someone will wind up pregnant or sick. Yes, but that 3% is a lot. Think about that 3%. If 100 people are having sex with the use of only a condom, three of them could end up with some nasty disease like AIDS, Syphilis, Chlamydia, HPVthe virus that causes genital wart like herpes, or even a pregnancy.

Myth: Sheepskin condoms work wonders and can protect you from AIDS and that is why the cost so much more money. Hello—just because a condom cost more does not mean it is necessarily better. What a lie. Sheepskin condoms are not better due to the fact that they have pores in them, like your face. These microscopic pores allow the sperm to go through carrying an STD into the partner.

So condoms are condoms a good way to protect yourself? Yes..but for a better usage for your money and your life would be to combine a condom with another form of birth control. For instance, when a condom is used correctly with a birth control pill it is 99.9% effective. Protect yourself and your partner. It is much better to be safe than sorry.

HPV

These three letters are a bit newer than the previous three. Human Papillomavirus. Say what? HPV—the virus that causes genital warts. There are 80 different types of this disease. Now that is something to be worried about. Only two kinds of the 80 are unable to cause warts but that is enough to bother anyone. About 9% of college students have some type of HPV infection.

Herpes: Such a gross name for one awkward disease. Men—if you think that this disease can not happen to you, you are wrong. Herpes are genital warts and can happen to anyone. These warts, although

deemed with the name genital can also appear on other areas like the hands of face. If you get cold sores frequently, that is a mild genetic form of herpes. If you think that you have herpes or any sort of disease get yourself to a doctor, they are there to help you.

Syphilis: Most people do not know a lot about this killer STD. Syphilis can be transmitted by sexual intercourse and the symptoms can appear within three months. This disease goes all the way back to the

Native Americans and the English settlers.

Some of the symptoms include sores in places like genitals, rectum and mouth. The sores can go away, but the person is still infected. Rashes may appear on the body in different forms such as flat, scaly, bumpy, round, crater, or moist patches around the genitals or in the mouth. Headaches, sore throats, swollen glands, and hair loss are some more common symptoms. This dis-

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Student Services Annex ext. 6440 The Yellow House

The yellow house is located across from the Vail parking lot and contains three different offices.

Career Services ext. 6440

This office provides career planning and placement services including: career decision-making counseling, vocational assessment, computerized career information, group sessions on resumes, job search, choosing a major, help in establishing a credentials file, job search help, alumni placement

The Career Services office also houses the Career Library, maintains a list of job vacancies and operates the Alumni Career Network.

Counseling Services ext. 6440

College students face stresses ranging from substance abuse to academic, financial, family, work and social pressures. The Counseling Office provides free counseling services, by appointment in group or individual formats. There is a special counselor to work with substance abuse problems and there are Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotic Anonymous groups in the area. The Counseling Services office will also make referrals to other agencies or professional if necessary or desired.

Health Services ext. 6440

A Registered Nurse is available at the Health Services office 40 hours a week and students may receive services by appointment. A physician is available on campus, by appointment, for limited referrals. These professionals see students for a wide variety of health and medical concerns, free of charge. Appointments can be made by calling the Health Services office.

Important Phone Numbers

Suicide Hotline/Vermont/St.Johnsbury Northeast Kingdom Mental Health: 748-3181 Hospital Emergency Room 748-8141 Ambulance/ Rescue 748-3111

HIV Testing

HIV anonymous testing at the The Health Center in Danville, VT

Things To Do @ LSC:

By Adrienne Graf

The Lecture and Arts Series Fall 1997

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra!

Sunday, September 21

7p.m./ Alexander Twilight Theatre

Limited Seats Available!!

Contact Student Affairs at 626-6418

Sister States, Worlds Apart: The Image of Vermont and New Hampshire in the American Imagination (Lecture)

Friday, October 17

7:30p.m./ Burke Mountain Room

The Jungle Book

A musical based on the popular book and animated classic.

Saturday, October 25

3p.m./ Alexander Twilight Theatre

Ticket Information for "The Jungle Book" can be obtained by calling Catamount Arts at 748-2600 or 1-800-805-5559.

A trio of viola, cello, and piano preform Beethoven's only opera.

Saturday, November 22

7:30p.m./ Alexander Twilight Theatre

Ticket Information for "Fidelio" can be obtained by calling

Catamount Arts at 748-2600 or 1-800-805-5559.

Strong Men and Strong Women for the 21st Century (Lecture)

Monday, December 8

7:30p.m./Burke Mountain Room

CAB Events

The People Vs. Larry Flint

Sunday, September 14 & Wednesday, September 17

John Thade- Broadway Musical Entertainment

Saturday, October 4

Michael Dean Ester, Comedian

Wednesday, October 15

Susan Starz, Numerologist- Lecture and Workshop

Saturday, October 18

All events are held in the Alexander Twilight Theatre and begin at 8p.m.

What's Goin'

On...

By Adrienne Graf

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> September 3 September 20

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September 24

October 4

Shadowlands.by William Nicholson The true story of the unusual love affair between writer CS Lewis and the American woman with whom he has fallen in love with.

> October 8 October 26

The Strange Passenger by Sonja Lyndon

The true story of contemporary Czech composer Viktor Ullman.

October 29

November 15

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4p.m. Sunday: 1p.m. to 5p.m. Planetarium Shows:1:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun. only

Radio Flash .what's new with the Impulse

By Adrienne Graf

There's new stuff going on with our campus radio, the Impulse 91.5 WWLR. I recently had a conversation with Josh Pinsonneault, who is the General Manager of the station. He let me know about some cool new shows that everyone should be interested in. The state of 199

Wednesday nights starting nine, Pinsonneault has his own show that he is pretty excited about. It will feature music, countdowns, and giveaways.. The new feature is that he will be joined by the student body president, Joe Sinagra. The two will be talking together about school related issues and things that

generate con-

cern from the students. The main point of this show, though, is to get need to speak up about the things students to call in with questions for Sinagra. Pinsonneault wants students to utilize the time with Sinagra so that solutions to campus problems can be addressed and/or solved. This will also create awareness to those students who are oblivious to cam-

pus concerns. Basically, students they want and need on campus, and any other things that bother them. This show is how to go about it.

Other shows include a Top 30 Countdown on Sunday at 6p.m., and Acoustic Cafe, which follows. Plus, Impulse will feature live presentations of LSC and LI sports

events. These new shows are just a small part of the recent developments that have occurred at LR. Josh mentioned that this year is going to focus more directly on the LSC campus. They plan to advertise more for LSC and get things like live bands to come play here. He was also happy to tell me that the station has gotten a little more laid back. DJs will have more freedom and room to ad-lib, thus creating a more listener-friendly show.

In conclusion, I extend my thanks to Josh Pinsonneault for his time and info, and I recommend tuning in to Impulse as much as possible.



1997 Fall Semester Schedule

TIME	Sunday	Monday	Tues	day	Wedn	esday	Thursday	Friday	Satu	ırday	
6:00am		Danielle Boise	Jon Silvius		Ric Cooper		Jon Kalbie	Chuck King	Fred		
8:00am	Pater Emerson	Cory	Bill Vlahos (8-flam)	Anna (flam- Noon)	Cory (8-Ham)	Rob (FLL-RI)	Dina	Matt Rycklik	Dina (9-Ham)	Jessica (flam-fpm)	
12:00pm	Jessica Stuckert	Doug (1:30- 3pm)	Spar	rky	Jerem	y Wheel	Mark (Poppalardo)?	Jamie Dennis	Jamie Der	Jamie Dennis (1-6pm)	
3:00pm	Fred Placey	Steve Tamagna	Mike	Wells	Craig	Savage	Shawn Tyaeski	Jason Dollard			
6:00pm	7op30Countdown W/Gina	J eff Martin	An	na	Rob T	ouzet	Mike Haniss	The Underground W/ the DJ Bum (GLOBAL DANCE, EURO, TECHNO)	The Next Level W/JMC (URBAN,HIPHOP)		
8:00pm	Acoustic Cafe W/ Justin Llyod [8-fipm]	Mark Parkinson	Greg A	Autlen	Josh	Pinn.	Matt Rychlik & Brent MacAloney (METAL)	Jason Massa (URBAN,HIPHOP)	92 FI W/DJ (DANC	WIN BIN E,EURO, LE,HIPHOP)	
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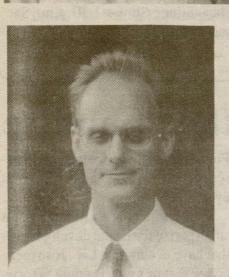






New Faces on Campus

A look at some of the new faces at LSC



Counterclockwise from top:

Janice Dussalt- Faculty Secretary
Jared Bouzon- Residence Hall Director
Heather Koster- Admissions Counselor
Nolan Atkins- Meteorology Assistant Professor
Donna Dolan- Reach Up Counselor
Jon Lasseigne- Security
Kristen Fletcher- Public Information Coordinator
Lisa Ummer- Admission Counselor



photos By Joshua Terry







Intramural Report

By Joshua Terry

The fall intramural season has begun. Currently the Intramural Office is sponsoring a flag football league, mens and women's street hockey competition and a co-ed softball tournament. Here is a list of team and captain names.

Flag Football
Pop Tarts/ Erik Mcloughlin
Chic Magnets/ Steve Jones
Lighting/ Jason Evans
Cloud 9/Justin Osier/Mike Dente
Fugicox 9/Jeff Stan
The Crows/Matt Ghirada
Frugal Gourmet/Jay Lemont
Caaacks/Matt Hebert
The NADS/Bret Hodgen

Women's Street Hockey
Scrappy B's/Erin Lewis
Lady Motivators/Jamie Mayo
BAB's/Diana Chaloux
Road Runners/Andrea Nelson
The Unmotivated/Marci Laramee

Men's Street Hockey
The Players/Vinny Stetson
Short Handed/Jason Lachance
Hanson Brothers/Brenton
MacAloney
Pro Wings/Todd Wimer
KOA/Matt Broderick

Natty Nitros/Pete Maneen No Name at Press Time/ Pat Gordon

Coed Softball

Goodwins/Dave Kellenbenz
Provolone Cheese VII/Derek
Cunningham
Aunt Bertha's Bombers/Pat Quish
Lube Job/ Craig Corderio
Roofus Q's/Jamie Mayo
The Shutouts/Douglas Richardson
The NADS/Brett Hodgen
Sue Henry/The Free Agents

Intramural Notebook

Look for horeshoe, beach volleyball and men's and women's round robin tennis tournaments to come soon. Watch out for the Frugal Gourmet's with the arm of quarterback Dan Christanson and the lighting speed of Jay Lemont to challenge flag footballdefending champions the Pop Tarts. The Lady Motivators are back to defend their women's street hockey title behind high scoring Tara McCaffery. The co-ed softball tournament is up for grabs but watch out for Cy Young Award winning pitcher Chris Bobinski to be strong on the softball diamond. for Roofus-Q's



Over the summer Professor Marty Wood won the St. Johnsbury Golf Club Tournament. Photo By JT

WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE 1997

SAT. SEPT 13	GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLEGE	1:00 (H)
THU. SEPT 18	JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE	3:00 (A)
SAT. SEPT 20	PLATTSBURGH STATE UNIVERSITY	1:00 (A)
SUN. SEPT 21	CASTLETON STATE COLLEGE	1:00 (A)
THU. OCT 2	JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE	3:00 (H)
SAT. OCT 4	GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLEGE	1:00 (A)
SUN. OCT 5	MAYFLOWER CONF CHAMP @ JSC	12:00 (A)
SAT. OCT 11	CASTLETON STATE COLLEGE	1:00 (H)

LYNDON STATE COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER 1997 SCHEDULE

SAT.	SEPT	6	9	THOMAS COLLEGE TOURNAMENT	1:00	A
SUN.	SEPT	7	9	THOMAS COLLEGE TOURNAMENT	3:00	A
SUN.	SEPT	14		ALUMNI GAME	11:00	Н
WED.	SEPT	17	9	NORWICH UNIVERSITY	3:30	A
SAT.	SEPT	20	9	SOUTHERN VERMONT TOURNEY	12:00	A
SUN.	SEPT	21	9	SOUTHERN VERMONT TOURNEY	2:00	A
MON.	SEPT	29		DANIEL WEBSTER COLLEGE	3:00	Н
THU.	OCT	2		NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE	3:30	Н
SAT.	OCT	4	0	HUSSON COLLEGE	2:00	A
SUN.	OCT	5	9	ST. JOE'S (ME)	12:00	A
WED.	OCT	8	9	GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLEGE	3:30	A
SAT.	OCT :	11		CASTLETON STATE	1:00	Н
THU.	OCT :	16	9	JOHNSON STATE	3:00	A
SAT.	OCT :	18		ST. JOSEPH'S (VT)	1:00	н
FRI.	OCT 2	24	9	NOTRE DAME	3:00	A
SUN.	OCT 2	26		U- MAINE PRESQUE ISLE	1:00	Н
TUE.	OCT 2	28		U- MAINE FARMINGTON	2:30	н

LYNDON STATE COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER 1997 SCEDULE

	SAT.	SEPT	6	DANIEL WEBSTER	1:00	Н
	TUE.	SEPT	9	ST. JOE'S (VT)	3:30	A
	SAT.	SEPT	13	TRINITY	1:00	Н
	SUN.	SEPT	14	ALUMNI GAME	1:00	Н
	THU.	SEPT	18	ST. MICHAELS (B)	4:00	Н
	SUN.	SEPT	21	ST. JOE'S (ME)	1:00	Н
1	WED.	SEPT	24	CASLETON	3:30	A
	SAT.	SEPT	27	MT. HOLYOKE	12:30	Н
	WED.	ОСТ	1	UMF	3:30	Ä
1	MON.	OCT	6	NEW ENGLAND	3:30	Н
	SUN.	OCT	12	THOMAS COLLEGE	1:00	A
	FRI.	OCT	17	NOTRE DAME	3:30	A
	MON.	OCT	20	JOHNSON STATE	3:30	Н
-	WED.	ОСТ	22	NORWICH	3:30	A
	SAT.	ОСТ	25	GREEN MOUNTAIN	1:30	A

The games lovers play: STD

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ease can have a fatal effect later in life if not treated.

Chlamydia: This a bacterial disease that can also be transmitted through intercourse. The symptoms of this can be a genital discharge, pain when urinating, and discomfort of the lower abdomen or testicles during sexual intercourse. Curable with the use of antibiotics but should not go untreated.

Gonorrhea: This disease affects 800,000 people annually. Discharge from the penis, vagina, rectum, or burning or itching during urination. This disease, if left untreated can lead to problems with heart valves, the brain, joints and is a major cause of pelvic inflammatory disease. It can cause impotency in men and if pregnant mothers are infected, the babies can develop blindness, meningitis, or arthritis.

These diseases are all grotesque, but preventable. Many are curable with the use of antibiotics, STD's do not only infect women. Men are likely to get them too.

Many men think that they cannot get yeast infections. Wrong again. Although more women get yeast infections men can as well. Women get itchiness around the vagina along with a discharge that looks like cottage cheese. Treatable with over the counter or prescription drugs. Men can also get discharge and itchiness which is curable by the use of medication.

Remember, Abstinence is the only way to keep yourself protected. If you do choose to have sex protect yourself and protect your partner.

If you'd like to learn more about STD's call national hot line at 1-800-227-8922.

If you have any brains at all, you'll be aware of the danger of depression. Depression is a suppression of brain activity that can strike anyone. It's life unbearable. It's also readily, medically treatable. And that's something everyone should know. #1 Cause of Suicide UNTREATED DEPRESSION http://www.save.org

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from there. I think they'll really when you're 14,15 years old." enjoy playing up there. The college is excited about it because it's going to draw more people to town; they'll be able to hold tournaments and play their games there," she said." "And the community will be able to play on it. It'll be a really good asset to the town."

J.A. McDonald Inc. of Lyndon Center was awarded the bid in April for the project, which involves creating the fields, providing th backstop and fences, and putting in water, sewer and electric lines for a future concession stand.

"Everybody that's playing tball can see the fields," Lee said, "and parents can tell they're kids, 'This is what you'll get to play on

On Sunday, September 14 after the dedication and ceremonial first pitches there will be a LSC Varsity versus Alumni baseball and softball game.

The proceeding night LSC will hold their Athletic Hall or Fame Awards Banquet and will induct Roland Guyette '57, Bill Fitzgerald '86 and Shelia Leahy '92 into the LSC Hall of Fame. Guyette is a driver education instructor at Vergennes Union High School. Guyette played basketball and baseball throughout his four year career at LSC. Fitzgerald is a physical education and health teacher at the Barnet School. Fitzgerald played basketball and baseball and in 1983

was named the Athlete of the Year. Shelia Leahy is an athletic trainer at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. Leahy played soccer, basketball and softball while attending LSC and in 1992 she was named LSC Female Athlete of the Year and the Athletic Trainer of the Year.

Speaking at the field's dedication ceremony will be LSC Interim President Bob Burnham, LSC Dean of Institutional Affairs Bill Laramee, LSC Alumni Council President Cathy Phillips '77. LSC student-athletes Tim Santaw and Liz Chase and LSC baseball and softball coaches Skip Pound and Tammi Cady.

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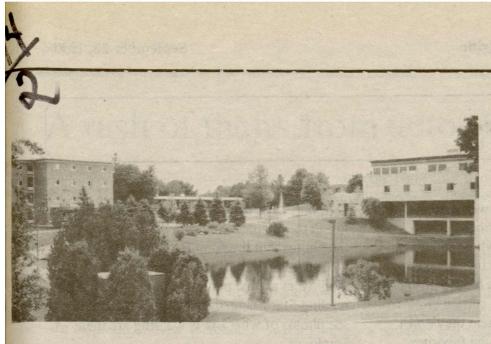
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While you were gone, changes were made...

By Jason Hatch

Some changes took place over the summer at Lyndon. Aside from the new Softball and Baseball fields, changes to the face of the Vail building, and parts of Shape, there is a new and improved Meteorology lab with more powerful computers, more room and more work stations.

The glass wall has disappeared from in front of the bookstore, leaving a new brick wall that should keep the hallway warmer during winter. With academic computing occupying its former home, the student government, club and C.A.B. offices have moved onto second floor Vail in the student center.

The weight and fitness areas have changed. Members of the weight lifting club, "The Green Mountain Power Club," have repainted the weights, the walls and most of the equipment in the room. Thanks to the donation of a stereo, the facility is now wired for sound with speakers strung through the rafters of thearea. Celtic designs now highlight the walls of the inner room, adding a distinct touch to the facility.

U.S. Olympian to speak at Convocation

U.S. Olympic Biathlon Team Leader John Morton will share with the Lyndon State College community "Lessons Learned From the Winter Olympics," at Lyndon's Convocation on Friday, September 26, at 3:00 p.m., in the Alexander Twilight Theatre. Morton was the U.S. biathlon team leader for the Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer Norway in 1994, and has worked with the U.S. biathlon team for 14 years, traveling across the globe to help the team "go for the gold." He will speak on how lessons from the

Olympics can be useful in goal setting, perseverance, and success.

"I expect his presentation to be captivating and inspirational," said Academic Dean Paul Tero.

A skilled sports writer, Morton has published numerous articles on recreational activities. Having extensive knowledge of the sports industry, Morton served as president of the Biathlon Sub-Technical Committee for the International University Sports Federation from 1994 to 1996. Morton worked as the head coach

of men's skiing at Dartmouth College, and 1994 he was inducted into the Dartmouth College Athletic Hall of Fame, coaches' category. In 1982, he was named Eastern Collegiate "Ski Coach of the Year." Currently, Morton is commentator on sports and recreation for Vermont Public Radio and works as a trail designer.

Among his other honors, Morton was awarded a bronze medal and combat infantryman's badge for his service in the army from 1968see page 3

Atkins joins faculty of Meteorology department

By Alexandra Carlson

Dr. Nolan Atkins is the newest member of the Lyndon State College meteorology department. He is instructing LSC's Elementary Meteorology, Remote Sensing and Boundary Layer courses for the fall semester.

His education is centered around mesoscale meteorology, the study of atmospheric phenomena specific to smaller weather systems, such as thunderstorms, hurricanes and tornadoes (rather than larger national or global weather patterns).

He received a B.S. in Physics from the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis in 1988 and went on to earn a master's from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1991. Atkins earned a Ph.D in Atmospheric Sciences from UCLA in 1995.

His previous teaching experiences include a four-year tenure (1988 to 1992) at the University of California where he taught Introduction to Meteorology, Climate and Climate Change, and Air Pollution, while attending graduate school.

Atkins comes to Vermont from Boulder, Colo., where he was employed with the National Center

for Atmospheric Research. His professional career has taken him all over the country, from Minnesota where he grew up, to California, Texas, Oklahoma and Florida, where he took part in land and aerial surveys after the wrath of Hurricane Andrew in 1992. During a four-week stay in Oklahoma in 1994 and an eight-week stint in 1995, Atkins participated in VORTEX (Verification of the Origins of Tornadoes Experiment), flying in 22 missions aboard tornado surveillance aircraft.

"It was unbelievable to see a tornado forming outside the window see page 3

Sinagra elected Lyndon Town Republican Chair

By Joshua Terry

Last week Student Body
President Joe Sinagra was elected
Lyndon Town Republican Chairman.
Sinagra is the leader of the Lyndon
Republican committee and
responsible for getting Republican
candidates elected on a local and
state-wide level.

Sinagra, 20, may be the youngest Town Republican chairman in Vermont history. He wasn't even at the party caucus meeting when he was elected.

"I was in class with outgoing Republican chair Al Toborg when they held the caucus. I was surprised and a little nervous about how the reaction would be. Since then, I have received a ton of phone calls from local people wishing me well and I have been in contact with every member of the Republican committee and they are excited about me getting elected," said Sinagra.

As town republican chairman, Sinagra has an automatic seat on the Caledonia County Republican Committee. As a student, Sinagra also wants to get more college students more aware of the political process." A lot of people don't think students take a big enough role in politics, hopefully I can change that," said Sinagra.



Joe Sinagra

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Journalistic Efforts

The written word, I believe, is on of the most powerful tools existing available for mankind's immediate use. The written word has the ability to change opinions, form them, and advance ideas and intellegence. The list could go on and on.

Journalism attempts to harness this power, and does it quite effectivly. The media has the ability to make or break a political candidate, bring a star celebrity from fame to infamy, and expose wrongdoings and scandals. So it is done. The people must know, as the saying goes.

One could say that the media shapes life and society, so the conclusion one could reach is that life reflects media. How many of us are not star struck by images of our favorite celebrities? How many of us do not read with interest the latest scoop on somebody in the public eye? Not many. Sales in the fashion industry are based in a large part by who wears what and how well the photos are distributed.

The flip side of this whole scheme is that media, in turn, is shaped by society.

Lately, there has been quite a bit of anti-media propaganda running about in certain circles.

"They stick their noses in where they don't belong," seems to be one of the favorites.

"Ruin people's lives with all that scandal and destruction of privacy."

Hold up here. While it is a given that glitz media and paparazzi are a far different thing than concrete journalism, the media is in all reality a consumer-based industry. If we don't print or run what people want to see and hear, then papers don't get sold and Neilson Ratings plummet. Take this whole Princess Di issue for an example. If the British press didn't know that if they got a picture of Di and Dodi smooching then millions of issues would fly out of the stands the next morning, then they

wouldn't have been chasing the limo. So look not to the people who write the articles or take the photos, but the people who employ them. No, not the newspaper companies. Their employers are the public. You, sitting there reading Star Magazine or you buying People to see photos of what Liz is wearing are their employer.

Celebrities themselves bemoan their lack of privacy. Aw shucks. It's awful hard for me to feel sorry for someone who is complaining about the very institution that put them there in the first place. Without the coverage of the news, none of the people that cry about such things would be where they are now.

So don't blame the media. Blame society for wanting what they print or show. The media would provide "just the facts" if that's what sold. We merely give people what they want to see. So if you don't like it, put the magazine down or turn off the TV.

- Brad Ross

Altered states may not be legal, or healthy, but it seems to be a fact of life

By Jay Scherer

It's Friday night, around 8 pm. You don't feel like hanging out in your room, so it's off to a party offcampus. A keg is sitting in someone's bedroom, only three dollars for a cup. As you sit outside with your cheap red plastic cup sipping some flat, low-class beer, you see a group of people standing in a circle, passing around the biggest joint you've ever seen, at least a foot long. Someone stumbles by you, muttering something about stomping on "those damn midgets". Arguements erupt over who is sober enough to drive home.

Not too long ago, a member of the LSC administration was qouted as saying, "There is no drug problem here at LSC."

Drugs. They've been around since the dawn of human history. No matter how many laws have been passed to present their abuse, the recreational use of drugs continues in this country. In the 1980's, a study reported that 14 million Americans admitted to doing an illegal or recreational drug at least once every month, if not more.

This series will examine the availabilty, market, and use and or abuse of recreational or illegal drugs and alcohol.

Cannibas sativa - the flowering leaves that grow on the top of the hemp plant, commonly known as "marijuana". No permanent longterm effects have been determined, though heavy long-term use can cause lung degeration and mental damage. Not physically addictive, but has been known to become mentally addictive in certain cases. Was considered a narcotic in the United States until 1970, but is now classified as a mild hallucinogenic.

Marijuana is, without a doubt, one of the top recreational drugs among teenagers and young adults. Cheap, easy to obtain, and similar in many of its effects to alcohol, is has regained popularity in the 90's.

"Ican't understand why weed is illegal," said one student. "I mean, it's just as bad as alcohol, and about as easy to get. The government should just make it legal and save themselves the headache."

Weed, Mary Jane, bud, wacky tobacee. Marijuana goes by a lot of names, but everyone knows what you're talking about.

"It's a very social drug," said another student. "How often does someone just sit in their room and toke up? It's an experience you want to share with your friends. It can help break the ice at parties when you're uncomfortable. It makes me more sociable, that's for sure."

While marijuana has not been proven to become physically addictive, as many of the harder drugs can such as herion and cocaine, it has been known to become a physiological addiction, much like alcohol can.

"Idon't do it every day, there's no point in that," a student said, "but yeah, I'm not going to turn down a joint at a party. It's like having a beer; it's just something to do to help ease the situation."

Another student said, "I do

the wake-and-bake thing almost every day, you know, when you light up a nice fat bowl before you even get out of bed. It helps clear my head, get me ready for the rest of the day. It's my version of coffee. A nice little joint between classes, then a few more while doing homework. I like being stoned."

Naturally, of course, not everyone smokes marijuana.

"I think it's sad that adults seem to think all college students smoke bud every day," said a student. see page 6

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A rash of thefts from autos but no arrests have been made

By Justin Bellows

Lyndon State Head of Security George. Brierley said that 3 cars had been broken into sometime between the 13th and 15th of September. In response to these incidents security increased patrol of the parking areas.

At 4 a.m. on September 16th security personnel confronted a small group who appeared to be scoping out the parking areas. The individuals names were taken and passed on to the state police. None of the suspects

were LSC students nor could they come up with any reason for being in the parking lot at that time.

Vermont state law defines forceful entry and theft from a vehicle as burglary, a felony offense. In addition to fines and a possible jail sentence a convicted felon cannot own a gun, get a passport and will have difficulty getting any kind of government job.

According to Brierley most theft from vehicles occurs at the beginning and end of semesters and right before or after semester breaks. These times are targeted by people in the area because students typically

load their cars early so as to get a fast start on break or put off unloading their cars upon returning.

Another tip to protect your possessions is not to leave anything valuable in plain site within your vehicle. Closed boxes or bags may tempt a thief to smash your window on the assumption that they contain something valuable. Once that damage is done they might as well take your stereo, radar detector etc.

The best way to protect electronic euipment is to copy down serial numbers. If you are unlucky enough to have something stolen the police will be able to treat your case

more seriously if you have those serial numbers. The numbers can be given to the National Crime Information Center so if someone attempts to sell your equipment it will be recognized as stolen. Police departments across the country regularly cofiscate stolen goods but rarely find their original owners.

Brierley said it is difficult for security to watch the parking areas at all times but by following the above suggestions you can help protect yourself and make LSC less of a target for thefts.

"Free" Money and legal "Highs" - How to avoid the scam-masters

By Justin Bellows

The bottom feeders of the free enterprise system have struck again. What's the telemarketing scam of the fall season you ask? Phony scholarship searches and awards are the name of the game for budding con artists. Who's the target? You, the poor college student with the "bilk me" bullseye on your school jersey. For the typical college student on a tight budget "guaranteed scholarships" can be tempting. Fortunately these ripoffs follow a recognizable pattern so just a little knowledge will allow you to steer clear of these shady deals. The following 6 signs of a scholarship scam come straight from a Federal Trade Commission press release at http:// www.com.ftc.gov.

1. "The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back." No one can guarantee that they'll get you a grant or a scholarship. Refund guarantees often have conditions

or strings attached. Get refund policies in writing—before you

- 2. "You can't get this information anywhere else." There are many free lists of scholarships. Check with your school or library before you decide to pay someone to do the work for you.
- 3. "May I have your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship?" Don't give out your credit card or bank account number on the phone without getting written information first. It may be a set up for an unauthorized withdrawals.
- 4. "We do all the work." Don't be fooled. There's no way around it. You must apply for scholarships or grants yourself.
- 5. The scholarship will cost some money. Don't pay anyone who claims to be "holding" a scholarship or grant for you. Free money shouldn't cost a thing.

6. "You've been selected by a 'national foundation' to receive a scholarship" or "you're a finalist" in a contest that you never entered. Before you send money to apply for a scholarship, check it out. Make sure the foundation or program is legitimate.

If you spot or are the victim of a scholarship scam call the National Fraud Center at 1-800-876-7060

Another concern for students is the rising popularity of legal so called "herbal high" pills The accompanying media blitz ascribes a variety of perceptual changes, pleasant bodily sensations and hallucinations to these "natural" drugs. I'm sure you've seen advertisements for these products on line or in magazines. The trippy patterns and colors, dreadlocked rastas, and glowing "true-life testimonials" all reinforce the absolute safety and quality of the legal high. The Food and Drug Administration however has found these pills to be potentially very dangerous.

The primary ingredient of these pills is an herb called ephedra. Sometimes this plant will be called Ma-Huang. Ephedra is a natural source of ephedrine. Ephedrine is basically super powered caffeine. Other ephedrine based products include most varieties of "stay awake' pills and "energy boosters."

The advertised dosages for these products range from 5 to 8 times the amount of ephedrine considered safe to consume by the F.D.A. Consumers who call the toll free numbers on the ads will be encouraged to take even higher dosages to achieve the advertised effects. High doses of ephedrine are harmful to the central nervous system and in some cases can lead to death. for more detailed information on the companies that produce these "legal high" pills and what the F.T.C. is doing to combat them visit the web site mentioned earlier.

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as you're flying by," he said. Atkins objective at Lyndon State College is to convey to students all the possibilities associated with the field of meteorology, from weather forecasting on TV to research to teaching.

"I like to see meteorology majors do well," he said. "Although the job market is tight, students can succeed by targeting a specific interest [thereby increasing their marketability in the field] and taking the proper classes to reach their goal."

Currently, Atkins' research involves using mathematical models of a thunderstorm to study how tornadoes are produced.

Lyndon Democrats Re-elect Boykin Chairwoman

Lyndon Democrats have reelected Catherine M. Boykin chairwoman of their party committee. Other officers elected at the Democratic caucus at the Cobleigh Library, Sept. 16Th, include Timothy M. Sturm, vice chairman: Robert H.Dixon, secretary; Kathleen Lanctot, treasurer and Leslie S. Gensburg, assistant treasurer.

Lyndon members of the Caledonia County Democratic Committee are Catherine M. Boykin, Robert H. Dixon, Leslie S. Gensburg, Kathleen Lanctot and Timothy M. Sturm.

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1972. He was one of 14 Vietnam veterans invited to participate in Outward Bound programs with Soviet Afghan War veterans in Uzbekistan in 1989 and in Hurricane Island, Maine, in 1991.

The annual Convocation will also include remarks by President Burnham, with a reception following. The Convocation program is open to the public and all are invited to attend. Lyndon State College will provide reasonable accommodations to create equal opportunity for participants with known disabilities. Please contact the LSC Public Information Office at 626-6459 if auxiliary aid or service is needed.

Notices

Celebrating the strengths of women A FILM SERIES

Film Series

September 18:

Steel Magnolias - A group of strong southern women support each other through their life's difficulties and tragedies. Wonderful humor, and very moving. Stars Julia Roberts, Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley

September 25:

Joy Luck Club - A group of young, first generation Chinese women learn of the struggles their mothers experienced in their young lives. Powerful.

October 2, 9, 16:

A three part documentary of significant events in the history of women in the United States; how they worked, lived, loved, voted, played and changed the course of U.S. history. Narrated by Jane

October 2: October 9:

October 16:

A Century of Women: Work and Family A Century of Women: Sexuality and Social Justice A Century of Women: Image and Popular Culture

October 23:

One Woman, One Vote - The story of the struggle of American

women to win the right to vote.

October 30:

The Women of Summer - In the 1920's exclusive Bryn Mawr College held sessions for groups of working class women. A film about empowering blue collar women.

Virginia Woolf: A Room of One's Own - " A woman must have money and a room of one's own if she is to write ficition." So said this famous 20th century writer in the 1920's, and considerably more too---

November 13:

The Life and Times of Rosie the Riviter - Tells the stories of women who built ships and planes during World War II, and what happened to them when victory

November 16:

Anna Purna - An all women team of mountain climbers take on one of the

highest and most beautiful peaks in the Himalayas.

December 4:

Hillary's Class - A look oat what has happened to the class of women who graduated from Wellesley College and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton -

Mon, Dec 8 at 7:30 Burke Mtn. Room

Strong men and Strong Women for the 21st Century - A lecture by Professor Irene Blanchard on moving toward a more egalitarian society.

Aired by the Psychology Departement and the Lecture and Arts Committee. Members of the college community are invited to join the class for the films. All films shown in ATT 202 on Thursday at 7:00p

LYNDON STATE COLLEGE News Release

ANNUAL YARD SALE TO BENEFIT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 27

LYNDON CENTER, VT-The Lyndon State College faculty and staff will hold their fifth annual yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Hollyberrys, across the street from Jon's Automotive on Route 5 in Lyndonville.

The yard sale will feature computer equipment, furniture, a convection oven, bikes, antiques, electric typewriters, windows, sporting goods, clothing, books and many other items donated by more than 20 families of the Lyndon State College faculty and staff.

Last year's sale raised 1,000 for the Faculty/Staff Scholarship Fund, enough to fund two of the seventeen scholarships awarded to Lyndon students last year. Organizer Carolyn Reeves, professor of psychology, hopes to surpass that amount this year.

Funding for these scholarships is provided solely by the annual yard sale, voluntary payroll deductions from faculty and staff, and "dress down days" for college personnel.

For more information, contact Tammi Sullivan Cady in the LSC nnual fund office at:

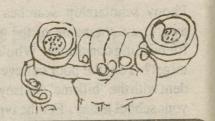
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Lyndon State College Family Weekend September 26, 27, 28 1997



Friday, September 26th

3:00 p.m.

Academic Convocation, Alexander Twilight Theatre.

<u>Speakers:</u> Mr John M. Morton, sports and recreation commentator for Vermont Public Radio and former Leader of the United States Olympic biathlon team: "Lessons from the Winter Olympics."

Dr. Robert Burnham, President, Lyndon State College: "Challenges and opportunities for Lyndon State College."

Reception to follow

4:45 p.m.-6:00 Dinner, Stevens Dining Hall. (Guests, \$3.75)

7:30 p.m.

Comedian: Ed Regine, Alexander Twilight Theatre.
Sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

Saturday, September 27th

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. LSC Faculty/Staff Yard Sale: Downtown Lyndonville, Route 5 (across from "Dad's 4X" tool store). All proceeds go toward Lyndon State College student scholorships.

9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m. College bookstore open

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. <u>Vail Museum tours:</u> Vail lobby (near switchboard) Led by Professor Alfred Toborg

12:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer: versus Mt. Holyhoke College. Barbecue at the game (guests \$3.75).

4:30 p.m.

Student/Faculty literary reading: Student Center (downstairs from the switchboard). Sponsored by the Lyndon Review.

In the Community

Fall Foliage Festival, Rt 2 East St. Johnsbury, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.:

Arts & crafts, foliage rides, horse-drawn hay rides, cider press, maple sugar demonstrations, glass blowing, face painting, wooden boat show and more.

Questions:

Please call Trish in Student Life, (802)626-6419

America Vermont Bellies Up Miss Miss to

By Dana Rosengard

Vermont on the Miss America map!" at her state pageant.

Truer words may never have been spoken.

In this the case, the words Enosburg Falls High School. come from Jill Cummings, Miss country, helped Jill be named the to my state pageant." 'hippest' contestant at the 1998 Miss American pageant earlier this month says she was confident she would in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

button ring, I wouldn't get any at-held in Enosburg Falls. tention," the 19-year old resident of Montgomery Center volunteered Miss American field, Jill had to settle after Thursday night's preliminary for the experience of a lifetime as she competition in Convention Hall.

preliminary competitions, Jill com- Illinois Kate Shindle be crowned peted in talent, singing "Someone to Watch Over Me." Her performance followed her preliminary interview competition on Sunday, evening wear arship and will continue her year of

competition on Wednesday.

All the time in front of the judges followed nearly two weeks of rehearsals, wardrobe fittings and appearances around Atlantic City; a "My belly-button ring put far different experience than Jill had

> "I couldn't even make rehearsals," exclaimed the graduate of

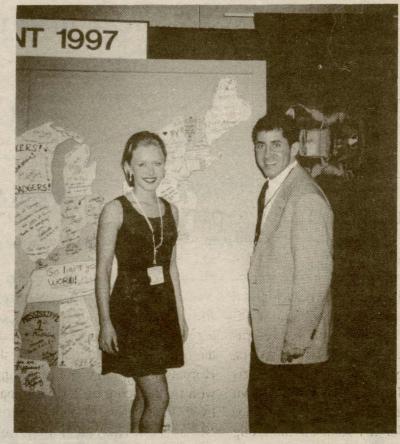
"I arrived home (from Vermont 1997. And indeed, the Belmont University in Nashville belly-button ring visualized around Tennessee, where she is a sophothe world or at least around the more studying music) three days prior

> Still, the sprite little blonde, capture the Miss Vermont crown over "If I didn't have a belly- the other six contestants back in May

> But in the big leagues of the watched ten other women get named On that, the third night of semi-finalists and, eventually, Miss Miss America 1998. But Jill still walks away from the famed runway and boardwalk with &3,000 schol

service and promotion of her platform issue, "Tar Wars" - a national anti-smoking program for fifth graders, until another young Vermont

women is crowned and sent off to try her luck at the famed event among the casinos on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean.



Jill Cummings, Miss Vermont 1997 with CAS Assistant Professor Dana Rosengard

mathematics professor

LSC staff gains new

By Alexandra Carlson

Dr. John M. Trimboli joins the Lyndon State College mathematics department for the fall semester. Trimboli is instructing Lyndon's Basic Math, Introduction to Statistics and Statistical Theory and Application courses. In May of 1989, Trimboli was awarded his B.A. in Mathematics Education from Syracuse University. He went on to earn his master's in 1992 and doctorate in 1996, both in Mathematics Education at Syracuse. Trimboli's teaching career began in the fall of 1989, when, as a student teacher, he taught Algebra I to hands-on approach. accelerated eighth-grade students at

a middle school in Syracuse, N.Y. He then became a teaching assistant in the Mathematics Department at SU where he taught numerous courses including Algebra, Calculus and Statistics between 1989 and 1995. Before coming to LSC, Trimboli was a mathematics instructor and head of the Statistics Committee at Raritan Valley Community College in Somerville, N.J.

"I had few classes that had less than 30 students and some that were as large as 200," he said, adding that he enjoyed the small setting characteristic of Lyndon State where students are able to learn through a

Trimboli has been highly

involved in educational reform since college.

"Statistics confirm that problems exist in the mathematical preparation of U.S. students at all grade levels," he wrote in his dissertation. Trimboli said he believes that mathematics is not being emphasized early enough in a student's education. He explained that as students reach a level where they are given more freedom in choosing classes, they are not choosing math.

"Ideally, college freshman should be at the calculus level," he said, "and well rounded in every discipline." His interest in math developed at a young age through his involvement in athletics. Trimboli dealt frequently with football, basketball, baseball and track and field statistics leading to his concentration in statistics. He was also a straight A student in math throughout his years of schooling.

"My best advice to mathematics students is to keep up with their work and to see instructors when they have difficulty," he said. "For students that stick with math as a major or minor the job market is very strong. Mathematicians are in demand in many fields including education insurance, technology."

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"Sure, a lot do smoke, some occaisionally and some a lot, but not everyone smokes it all the time. Me, I've never touched the stuff. It's not that I hate it or people who do it, it's just not for me, you know?"

Since marijuana is illegal, there can be a lot of money made by selling the drug. Some dealers can mark up their product as much as 75%, and people still come running to buy. But drug dealers live an illegal life. One of George Bush's major platforms was imposing the death penalty on all drug dealers.

Why would anyone want to get involved in such a trade?

"One word: money," said one student, who sells marijuana. "I make quite a bit of cash in this business, more than I would in some stupid work-study job."

Are drug dealers really criminals, or simply businessmen who are providing a product that is in high demand?

"I deal for a couple reasons: one, I think it sucks that weed is illegal. People want it, and it's no big deal, it's like beer or whiskey, you know? Second, I make money. I do have to buy the stuff from someone else, obviously, but I always make

my money back and then some, because I don't smoke, so I'm not losing all my profits. The dealers who do smoke are usually the ones who don't make the cash. They're just selling to friends. I do it as a business."

As with any cash product, there are different types and brands of marijuana, all varying in quality and efficiency

"I don't sell my stuff for a really high price, usually around 25 or 30 dollars for an eighth, and it's stuff that will blow your mind. Around here, you can get pretty much anything you want: Mexican Red Hair, Creep, even Skank Weed if you're low on cash," said the dealer. "Compared to back home, the market up here is great."

The school's policies on drug use are very strict. A person can't have incense in their room, stuff towels underneath the door, or have any kind of drug paraphinaliea. But are these policies effective?

"The school likes to think it is tough on drugs, but it is so easy to get away with smoking," said another student. "You just take a walk and go out into the woods or go for a ride in your car if you think an R.A. will catch you in the room, and even that doesn't happen very often. Just open your windows and turn on a fan, and have the air freshener ready."

Critic's Choice: Athletes of the week

Male Athlete of the Week:

Name: Sean Fisher
Team: Men's cross-country
Height/Weight: 5'11"/145

Age: 20 Birthday: 12/16/76

Class: Junior Major: Sports Medicine

Hometown: Gaithersburg, Maryland

Idol: Steve Prefontaine

Favorite Movie: Friday

Favorite TV Show: Sean doesn't have cable!

Why Sean was selected: He finished 13th out of 500 runners in a road race in Manchester, NH on Sept. 6. Saturday, Sept. 13th he placed 74th out of 150 runners at the Dartmouth Invitational with a time of 29:08. Most of the runners were from N.C.A.A. division one schools such

as Boston University, Dartmouth, University of Rhode Island. On Sept. 20th at the University of New England Invitational he finished first with a time of 28:48.

Female Athlete of the Week:

Name: Tara Bartlett Team: Women's Soccer Position: Mid-fielder Height: 5'5" Age: 17 Birthday: 11/24

Birthday: 11/24/80 Class: Freshmen Major: English

Hometown: Jacksonville, VT Favorite TV Show: Dukes of Hazard

Favorite Movie: Scream
Why Tara Bartlett was selected:
Because of her outstanding play for
the Lady Hornets scoring 6 goals and

having 2 assists in first three games.

Hornet men open soccer season at at 3-2

By James Ingalls

The Men's soccer team is a young one this year with 11 freshmen on the team. Some key returnees for the Hornets are Jeff Derosiers, Jay Vallieres, Norm Laliberte, Chris Wilson, Jason Tingley and Shawn Gerow. The rest of the roster includes Juniors: Jeremy Johnson and Doug Kennedy, Sophomores are Martin Stiebris, Dennis Norton, Dagan Wolcott and Craig Aylward. The diaper dandies of the bunch are Kip Smith, Richard Dow, Pete Maneen, Adan Kimball, Mike Olsen, Mike Pelletier, Ron Rivard, Cameron North, Colin Marcotte, and Andrew Ruwet. The team is coached by Skip Pound and his assistant is Rich Owens.

Coach Pound said, "This is a fine bunch of young men," Pound went on to say that this is the most coachable team he has had in the past five years. Pound also believes that there isn't as much individual talent as in the past but they are all solid players and work well as a group.

The Hornets opened the season by traveling up to Thomas College in Maine for a tournament. In the first game of the tournament the Hornets faced St. Joe's of Maine and won by the score of 2-1 with goals from Jeff Derosiers and Cameron North. The next day the Hornets were to face the host school Thomas College who they lost to by the same score they had won by the day before 2-1. Jason Tingley was the only Hornet to score in the loss.

On Sept. 17 the Hornets faced the Norwich Cadets and dominated them winning 3-0. In this game Senior mid-fielder Jeff Derosiers scored 2 goals and Shawn Gerow scored the third in the victory. This victory had to feel good after a close loss to Thomas College the game before.

The Hornets traveled to the Southern Vermont Tourney held down in Bennington, VT. Their first

game would be against Mount St. Mary's College, the Hornet came out slow allowing St. Mary's to score the first two goals of the game. Then Freshmen sensation Andrew Ruwet scored the Hornets first goal on a penalty shot. The tying goal was scored later in the second half by Ruwet again to send the game into overtime. St. Mary's won the game 21 minutes into overtime. The next day the Hornets decided to take out their frustration on Massachusetts Pharmacy their next opponent that would pay dearly for the day before's loss. The Hornets came out swarming and stung their opponents for 8 goals and 5 different Hornets scored. The Freshmen trio Andrew Ruwet, Cameron North and Brett Hill all scored two goals apiece as Shawn Gerow and Jeff Derosiers added one apiece to round out the scoring.

The Men's next game is at home against Daniel Webster on Monday, Sept.29 at 3:00 p.m.

Cross-Country opens at Dartmouth with Division One competitors

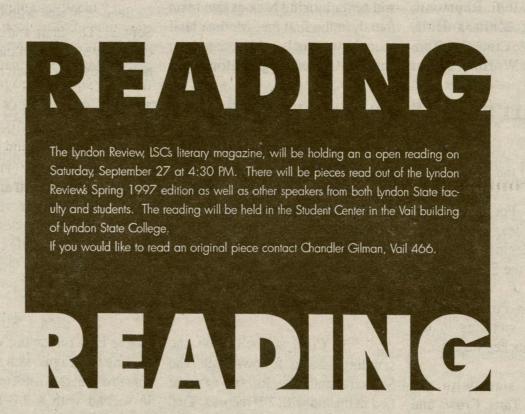
The men's cross country team opened it's seaseon September 13 at the Dartmouth Invitational. This meet included many teams from division one schools. Lyndon State and The University of New England were the only small colleges at the meet.

The Hornet men had a good showing with Sean Fisher finishing 74th, Mike Bruhn 76th, Chris Speers 97th, John Dodge 98th, Andy St. Amore 104th, Denis Spenser 108th, Mike Maquire 109th and David DiVirgilio 110th. These places were out of 150 runners most of which were scholarship runners.

O ff - C a m p u s Students Organize

The Thursday Lunch Group, a group of off-campus students, commuters and students over 24, is exploring ways to increase services to off campus students. October 2, Joe Sinagra, Student Body President and off campus student is coming to talk about organizational strategy with the student government.

For further information, please come to the meeting or call ext. 6440 and ask to speak with Mary Sue if you have specific questions about the group, meetings or flyer. Your support is being solicited and a position of unity is desired as it is believed this is an essential part of a strategy to have our needs recognized and met.



LSC Presidential search gears up for national search

By Justin Bellows

The search for LSC's new president has begun. Step 1 of the seven part process begins on October 7th when LSC faculty submit their nominations for the Presidential Search Committee. The full committee consists of members of the Board of Trustees and select members of LSC staff and faculty. Once the committee is formed its first task is

to discuss and analyze LSC's current smaller group of quarter finalists. and future needs and other issues at the College. The second step is to take the results of these discussions and form the criteria for selecting a new president. At this point advertising for the position will begin and the committee will start excepting resumes.

The 3rd step is the review of these resumes and the start of the narrowing down of candidates to a These candidates will write in response to a list of questions devised by the search committee. The committee enters the 4th step by reviewing these submissions and narrowing the list down to the semi finalists. The 5th and 6th steps consist of personal interviews with the remaining candidates by the committee both off and on campus. Finalists will attend an open forum that stu-

dents are encouraged to attend. The final step is an on site visit to the leading candidates worksites. The committee will then take its recommendations to the Board of Trustees who have the power to appoint a new president. The Critic will keep you informed on this process as it develops. Students are welcome to write to The Critic with any views or concerns on this important issue.

SPORTS

Lady Hornets begin season with

By James Ingalls

The Lady Hornets have come into this season with their eyes set on capturing the elusive Mayflower Conference soccer championship. Already in three games the Lady Hornets have scored 15 goals and have not let their opponents score once. Talk about wanting all the fun for yourself! With their aggressive play and grid-iron like defense they look like a well oiled machine out on the field with only the best to come.

This season the Lady Hornets have a good blend of youth and experienced players. Their roster is as follows, Seniors: Joy Lehouiller, Heidi Fortin, Lauren Ingram, Lynette Kelley, Juniors: Marci Laramee, Tina Burns, Jen Taylor, Sophomores: Catherine Paul, Jodi Raymond, Belinda Clarke, Melissa Hall, Freshmen: Michelle Crimmins, Tara Bartlett, Donna Worthein, Jaci

Avery, Tema Rodgers, Sarah Maffei. Captains for this years team are Heidi Fortin, Tina Burns and Joy Lehouiller. The team is coached by Bryan Woods and his assistant is Jim Sawhill.

In the Lady Hornets first game of the season they defeated Daniel Webster by the score of 5 to 0. The Lady Hornets were lead by Joy Lehouiller and Melissa Hall who both had 2 goals a piece. Other Hornets that contributed were Tara Bartlett with 1 goal and Jodi Raymond who had 2 assists in the win.

The next victim for the Lady Hornets was highly overmatched Trinity that didn't stand a chance from the opening whistle. The Lady Hornets came out in a fury pouring it on from the beginning of the game and never looking back as they won 8 to 0. In the first half Melissa Hall scored two goals and assisted on another. One of her goals found her

cutting through the Trinity defense like a hot knife through butter and blasting a rocket past the unsuspecting goalie. Tara Bartlett also got into the scoring by tallying two in the first frame. In the second half Trinity did not look too much better as they were tired and not marking the Lady Hornets very well. The fatigue factor of Trinity made it even easier for the fast forwards of the Hornets attack to converge on the helpless goalie. The speed Jaci Avery took advantage of the bewildered Trinity defenders and scored two goals in the second half. Rounding out the scoring was Belinda Clarke and Tara Bartlett with one goal apiece. Bartlett ended the game with the Lady Hornets first hat trick of the season. The Lady Hornets first challenge came from St. Joseph's College of Maine who they face on Sept. 21. The damp and cold weather could not slow down the Lady Hornets as they flew to their third straight

victory winning 2 to 0. The first score of the game came with 14:03 gone in the first half by freshmen Tara Bartlett who was assisted by Lauren Ingram. Another goal was also added late in the second half by Bartlett again to solidify the Lady Hornets win. This game belonged to goal keeper Joy Lehoullier who had ten saves ensuring the Lady Hornets the win. Lehoullier had to leave the game with 15 minutes remaining in the second half because of a collision with a player from the other team. Freshmen Donna Worthein had to step in and take over the keeper position for the rest of the game. She was more than up to the task therefore preserving the shut out for the Lady Hornets.

The Lady Hornets next game will be on Saturday, September 27th at home against Mt. Holyoke Col-

Intramural sports swing

Intramural Stars of the Week are:

Travis Montross- For his 3 hrs. in the Coed softball league, 2 touchdowns and 2 victories in Flag football, and his 3 goals in the Street hockey league.

Heather Pickering-Forher 10 goals in the BAB'S 2 victories in the Women's Street hockey league.

Ok, let's start with the LSCNFL the Pop Tarts, Crows and Frugal Gourmets have all broken out of the gate with 2 victories a piece and all stand at the top as the only undefeated teams in the league. The closest contender behind the league

leaders are the Fuji Cox 9 who stand at 1-1. There are four teams that stand at 0-1 they are the Caaacks, Cloud 9, Chic Magnets, Naads and the Lightning are in the cellar with an 0-2 record. The top scoring leaders are as follows, Sean "Prefontaine" Fisher (40), Jamie Kingsbury (32), Jay "Dion" Lemont (24) and Steve Dykeman (24).

In Coed softball news the standings are as follows both The Shutouts and The Roofus Q's are tied at the top with 2-0 records. Tied in second are Provolone Cheese VII and Lube Job both with 2-1 records. Rounding out the league are Aunt Bertha's Bombers at 0-3 and the Free Agents at 0-2. League leaders in

homers are as follows Travis Montross (3), Jamie Kingsbury (2) and Dave Kellenbenz (1). The league leaders in runs scored are Pat Quish (6), Mikey Canter (6) and Jay Lachance (6). It looks as though it could be an interesting season but you have to consider the Roofus Q's a favorite with their powerful line-

The Men's Street hockey league is in full swing with K.O.A. leading the league with a 3-0 record. The Pro Wings are not too far behind in second with a 2-0-1 record. In third is the Hanson Brothers (mmm bop!) at 2-1, fourth is ShortHanded at 1-1, The Players and Natty Nitros round out the league with 0-2 and 0-4 records. Some like to call him "The

Great One" but for this article let's call him Brian Clark the league leader in scoring with 8 goals. Others high up in the scoring column include Pete Maneen (6) and Jeff "Cherry" Garcia (4). If the early standings are any forecast it could be an interesting season.

In the Women's street hockey league the Lady Motivators and BAB's are tied for first with 2-1 records, the Unmotivated are in third with a 1-0 record, the Scrappy B's are in fourth with 1-2, and the Road Runners have definitely run out of gas because they bring up the rear with an 0-2 record. Heather Pickering is the league leader in goals with 10 behind her are Fran Riccio (4) and Tara McCaffery (4).



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Photo by Robert Stuart

There are problems in the woods around LSC. Over-use, careless activity, and natural growth have harmed the once pristine woods near campus. These Gout weed plants have taken over the ground cover and are not allowing other shrubs to grow and thrive. For story, see page 3.

They're not dingbats, they're Zapf Dingbats

By Rachel Esancy

Are you thoroughly tapped into your creative side? Or is the right side of your brain calling out to be freed? It does not matter which of the two choices you identify with, Lynson State College has something for you. Zapf Dingbats!

Wait! Hold on just a minute. Right side of the brain? Dingbats? What is going on here? Don't fret, the explanation is coming.

The human brain is a constant source for research projects and scientific studies. The brain is flowing with complex systems and holds the answers to many of the mysteries of the human body. A recent study on the brain was about the difference between the left and right sides of the brain, and the power they hold over the mind.

Gearing up to protect LSC's future

By Sarah Carr

Ten years ago, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) investigated Lyndon State College, a requirement to remain an accredited school. NEASC took a thorough look at every part of LSC: the dropout rate, course descriptions, professors backgrounds, dorms, financial records, if tuition money is put to good use, they even check the catalogs for typos! All this may seem a little extreme, but every part is absolutely necessary. Upon completing their inspection they tell the administrators and the Board of Trustees essentially one of two things; No you did not pass, or Yes you did. Even if LSC receives a golden Yes, NEASC will still make recommendations. Then in five years they do a follow up to see how well the school is doing in meeting the Board of Education's standards. If LSC were to receive a

dreaded No, it would be like a vampire draining LSC of its lifeblood, the students. How, you ask? Simple, if a college is not reaccredited, then the credit a student receives for a class would be absolutely worthless if they decided to transfer. Not to mention it would lower the value of a degree, and give LSC a bad reputation.

LSC English professor Alan Boye is a member of a committee consisting of professors and administrators from all over New England. Their main purpose is to comprise a thorough report of everything the school is doing to meet standards. This committee is very important because reaccreditation is critical to the survival of the school, Boye said. Currently they are having meetings in which they discuss organization that is still needed, as well as data they need to collect, and questions they need to ask themselves to ensure a good report.

iWe need to make sure in the begin-

ning that we know exactly what we have to do and exactly what the requirements are and what the visiting team will be expecting from us, groundwork," said Bruce Berryman, chair of the committee.

NEASC will not be visiting campus until next fall. When they visit they will be doing more of a check-up. However, there is something that exists in the Vermont State Colleges system called Policy 101. This inspection will be completed by the Board of Trustees this April. They will review mostly academic areas of the College. They will investigate every department, find out what professors are doing and how, as well as how successful they are.

When asked whether or not he believed LSC would be ready for the Board of Trustees visit, Berryman replied, Yes, I do. I think that it is a huge task, but we have a lot of energetic people, focused people, and we have direction and good momentum...itis just going to be a lot of hard work.

Senate initiates two new members, tables action on Jewish Club

By Justin Bellows

see page 8

The Lsc Student Senate has two new members. The position vacated by the resignation of sophomore Senator Don Adams has been filled by Chris Viccara who is a transfer student from Nassau Community College in Long Island New York. During the October 7 session Student Senate also welcomed newly elected freshman Senator Michael Hiltz. Hiltz readily asserted his willingness to "step to the plate for the freshman class." Coming from Turner Maine Hiltz has recently been active in the campaigns of Congressman John Baldacci, former governor Joseph Brennan and Senator John Jenkins.

In club news the Senate voted to accept the constitution for a graphic design club known as the Zapf Dingbats. Greg Ostroff, the student see page 8

Going Home

In a few short days most of us are going home. Many of us have already headed home for a weekend or a night home for some reason or another, and for others, this break will be their first time home in six weeks. Going home means the prospects of a home cooked meal, a chance to sleep in our own comfortable beds. It means the chance to catch up with family and friends from whom we've been temporarily separated.

But there is a problem here. Home is no

Bilbo Says

longer where I live, at least for the time being. I come from New Jersey. I live, at the moment, in Vermont. The term home has become distorted in a way. I've already caught myself saying, All right, I'm going home now, referring to my dorm room. I also have been saying for the past week or so, I'm going home this weekend. So which is correct? Where is home?

The answer, I think, is that both are. I identify with home as being in Jersey, but I am at home here in my dorm, a temporary at best housing situation. I may never live year round at my

house in NJ again. But I'm not going to be here forever either. So I'm in limbo, sort of between

So the only answer that I can think of is that home is made where the important people are, the friends and family that we all have. Home is the warm, inviting place where you look foreword to going to at the end of a long day. Home is where the hear is. And that is a different place for everyone. .

- Brad Ross

Presidential Perspective Parking Lot, or Parking Not! By Joe Sinagra

As I returned to Lyndon State College for my senior year, I was ready to tackle many new challenges. These challanges included living off campus, taking nineteen credtis, and all my other commitments. The one thing I was not ready for was the lack of parking on campus.

This is not a problem that will just go

away. The increase in the number of students attending LSC this year accounts for most of the parking problems. Once the "snow starts to fly", the students will lose even more parking spots.

I fully understand that the administration is working on this problem. However, I thought I would offer my own suggestion. The grassy area that divides the Vail Hill Road and the Vail Parking Lot could be reduced in size and a number of spots could be added to this space.

My suggestion is not a final solution. A greater number of parking spaces is needed than that grassy area will provide. This is especially true when you take into consideration the parking requirements of both Wheelock and Stonehendge.

The final answer? No one is sure yet. Possibly another parking lot needs to be built. Maybe Freshman should have a lottery system to keep their cars on campus. Hopefully the problem will be addressed in a timely manner, before this problem becomes dangerous... "But that's just my opinion!"

What's Behind the Names: A Look at LSC's buildings

By Brad Ross

Lyndon State College has long made it a policy to name it's dorms, buildings and centers after famous people whose accomplishments have played an important part in Vermont history. Many students really don't know the origins of the building names or the stories of the people whose names adorn the buildings on campus; merely knowing them as "HAC" or "Vail". The buildings here at Lyndon State serve as almost a; "who's who" list of famous Vermonters, and play an important part in preserving history for generations to come.

The T.N. Vail Center is named after the president of Bell Telephone and the first president of American Telephone and Telegraph Company, better known as AT&T. He advanced the telephone and long distance communications to new heights. He bought a farm here in Lyndonville, and expanded it to more than a thousand acres and built a mansion which was used as the main building for Lyndon State in it's earliest days until it was declared unsafe the center was built in it's place.

The Alexander Twilight Theatre is named for on of Vermont's pioneer educators, Alexander Twilight. Twilight was born in Corinth, VT in 1795, a member of the first African American family to settle in that town. He taught himself how to enrolled in Middlebury College and graduated after two years of study. He was probably the first black to graduate from an American college. He built a school called the Old Stone Housein 1823, which still stands and now functions as a museum. Twilight was elected to the state legislature in 1836, the first black representative in the state."

The George B.M. Harvey Academic Center is named after a man who was born in 1864 in Peacham, VT. He became editor of the New York World and later be-Washington Post. He went on to on School Keeping." become the head of Harper and

read and write. In 1812, Twilight Weekly. He was the author of several books, and in 1921 was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson as ambassador to England.

The library here on campus is named after Samuel Read, who, master. He founded a school in Concord which was called the Columbian School, which opened in 1823. The school's name was changed to CoBcord Academy, and 1825 was renamed the Essex County Grammar School. Perhaps most importantly, he published the first ever textbook on the principles of came the editorial chief of the teaching, entitled "Hall's Lectures

The Thaddeus Fairbanks Brothers, and the editor of Harvey's Science wing is named after T.S.

Fairbanks, who lived in St. Johnsbury. He was the recipient of the first patent to manufacture and sell cast iron plows in 1826. Fairbanks is best known as the inventor of the platform scale, which was Concord, NT's first school he devised between 1829 and 1830 while searching for a better way to weigh hemp.

> Another Thaddeus has left see page 8

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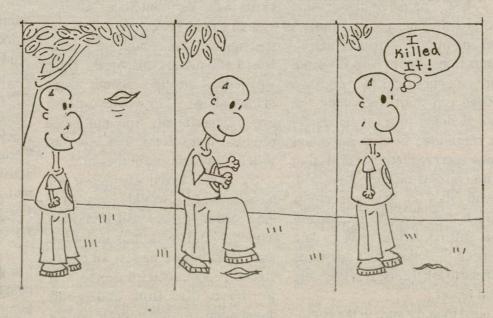
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Perplexing parking problems persist

Fifty cars parked illegally but legal spaces are at a premium

By Nathan West

This past semester, Lyndon State College has seen not only an increase in enrollment, but a rise in the need of parking spaces. The commuter lot in front of Vail has been in need of overflow parking and the parking lot near Stonehenge is at its fullest in years.

During the weekly Student

Government Association meeting held last Tuesday night, the parking issue was raised. SGA President, Joe Sinagra will be issuing a statement to the Dean of Student Affairs as a result.

In an interview on Monday afternoon, Dean of Business Wayne Hamilton, stated that there were periods during the week that an excess of cars to spaces were seen in the morning hours. He cliamed that on one morning George Brierley, head

of Security at LSC, counted a peak number of fifty cars illegally parked in the commuter lot.

Although there are no plans for continued parking here at LSC, Hamilton stated, "I'd like to focus on ways we can reduce the numbers of cars during these peak hours." He goes on to further provide suggestions to alleviate the parking issue, especially with winter approaching. Such solutions include use of the RRC bus service and car pooling.

While a short term problem, Hamilton established that the LSC Safety & Wellness Committee would be meeting on Wednesday and that the parking problem is a scheduled issue. The members of the committee include Hamilton as chair; George Brierley; Jon Chasse; Shelia Gallagher; Monique Morris; Theresa Conant; Robert Brooks; Paul Lobesby; Dan Adams; Craig Giles; Katherine Sandwall; Sher Hruska and Jim Gallagher.

Twilight Players gear up for fall opening of "The Good Doctor"

By Justin Bellows

The Twilight Players have begun rehearsals for a fall production of Neil Simon's The Good Doctor.

"There's a lot of new blood," says actor Jay Scherer about the cast. "We've only got about 5 returning actors." The play is a comedy ensemble piece that follows the creative process of a writer whose absurd ideas are then acted out.

Director Brian Pickard was quick to point out that the Players do more than put on productions at LSC. He was referring to the upcoming Trails of Terror on Nov. 1 in Burke. Trails of Terror is fund-raiser for the Burke Mtn. Recreation Department involving the Players and members of the surrounding community. In the spirit of Halloween the participants set up trails and scenes designed to scare and amuse the hordes of children looking to get spooked.

The Good Doctor is The Players second production since a boiler explosion last year that destroyed the majority of the groups costumes, sets and props. "I think this play was a wise choice," says president Lauren Otis. "As an ensemble it allows everyone a good sized part and takes the focus of lead roles. It should be a good working experience for the newcomers and a lot of fun for everyone." The Good Doctor will run December 4-6 in the Alexander Twilight Theater.

A long history of mis-use, over-use and neglect have put

LSC woods at risk

By Robert Stuart

Many of the students at LSC are here to enjoy the campus' beauty. Students use the woods and hills adjacent to presidents hill and the yellow house for mountain biking, cross country, and many other activities ranging from Ecological study, to relaxing casual walks. The people who care for the preservation of these woods may be interested to find out that the forest is not in the best condition. Lyndon State College is located in the beautiful Northeast Kingdom, an attractive and diverse ecosystem that attracts many students.

According to Dr. Miller of LSC there are many bad and many good points to these woods. The problems that are going to be the most jeopardizing to the ecology of the area are improper maintenance of the trails, Fragmentation, caused by to many paths being cut, and the

filling in of a woodland swamp. The closing of some of the more eroded trails would help to decrease more damage to be done to by erosion in the area. Some erosion in the worst parts of these trails is causing the root systems to fail, forcing the trees to lean perilously. Dr. Miller suggests that we begin to formulate planned prevention to save this area from its failure to support the current amount of animal and plant diversity. It would be a great loss for the majority of students at LSC if the woodlot was to become anymore ecologically unsound. All of these problems can easily be rectified with the acceptation of the damage done to the

Jim Gallagher of the maintenance department stated that the site where the swamp exists continues to be used for dumping brush, which totals about three loads a year. Back when the new Vail Center was added to the campus this was the site that was chosen to dump all of the excess

of materials from the construction site. A large amount of dumping was done then and it formed a large ledge that travels steeply down to the woodland swamp.

Maintenance has added a gate to the short road to keep out people who were dumping their trash there. Gallagher stated that they have let the brush grow in on the both sides of the road so that it is less noticeable to people who are looking to throw their more toxic wastes such as paint cans and oil cans. At the site now, there are the remains of car parts, like oil filters, air filters, and just general trash that is considered perilous for the environment. Gallagher stated that this type of trash is not put there by the maintenance department but by some of the contractors who work on the property. Also, a pile of concrete was just put on the site by one of the colleges' contractors that has to stay on the site. The maintenance department planning to either see page 4

Campus Clean-Up Day

By Jason Hatch

On the average dreary, rainy Saturday morning, the average student would want to be inside, preferably asleep. Yet, the members of LSC's Green Mountain Power Club (GMPC) and International Club were outside on Saturday, September 20th. Of all the things, they were cleaning up trash. The two clubs joined forces and swept through the interior and exterior campus, cleaning as they went. More than fifteen people helped out from the two clubs and the dorms. Marc Saccucci, and RA in the Arnold/Bayley residence halls (adamantly, not dorms) gathered a group of his residents together to join the effort.

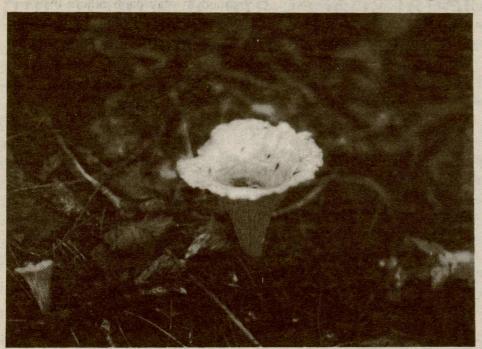
The clean-up turned into a bottle drive toward the end. GMPC members went from suite to suite in the residence halls collecting bottles and cans from any resident willing to give them up. GMPC thanks all of the residents who donated their returnables to their cause.

Both clubs wish to give thanks to the following: James Gallagher of Maintenance for donating gloves, Housekeeping services for garbage bags and to the people who came and did the work. Those people were: Trevor Bevens, Joy Bona, Chicako Goto, Jessica Lubofsky, Noriko Maejima, Wesley Olds, Shane Qualey, Joe Rheaume, Marc Saccucci, Matt Sedlier, Karen Smegal, Chad Sylvestre, Gabe Szczepanik, John Testa, Tabitha Tyler and Mike Watson.

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LSC woods at risk



This form of fungus is found in the woodland swamp off one of the lowland trails in the LSC woods.

Photos by Robert Stuart

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push that over the edge or to bury it on that site somewhere. Gallagher stands by the fact that the maintenance department is very conscience about the environment and will do what they can to keep the woods safely in check. However, Dr. Miller is in disagreement with this because of the fact that it isn't the best place to be dumping our wastes. Even if it is only natural things such as brush that they are dumping there.

There is also the matter of expense for the maintenance department. It would cost them about sixty dollars per load of brush to be removed from the campus. Once it removed it is stored in a large dumpster, and once that is filled, which would not take long at all, there is an additional charge of six hundred dollars. This is expensive however it is also a solution to the problem. Dr. Miller says that there are other places that could be used for dumping that would improve the environment. He states that making individual small piles of brush in the woods called snags, will cause there to be homes for small animals and birds. Also, a larger amount of rotting would take place that will cause the brush to dissipate faster. This is a good alternative to simply throwing it over a large ledge and letting it system is not to rake the leaves away from the trail. Leaf litter is essential in that it allows there to be a buffer zone between the raw dirt of a trail, and the elements that are causing the erosion; water and wind. There are many forms of maintenance that are cheap, and work well.

Dr. Miller states that as the condition of the trails worsen what occurs is a large decrease of the variety of plants because the top soil is washed away. There are solutions that will cause the condition of the

trails to improve. Some of these solutions are adding logs across the trails about every ten to fifteen feet to divert the water away from the trail rather than have it run strait down the bad parts of the trail for a distance of about 400 ft. The dams would slow the flow of water as it runs down the hill side and be beneficial to the ecology of the trail. As more leaf litter fell on the sides of the new trail, a healthy new generation of plants and trees could take root and move in toward the trail. Once a root system is established in the area near the trail the top soil will be much less likely to wash away. Some of the large beautiful Birch trees near the trail would be less likely to simply topple over because of a failing root system.

Fragmentation is a term that describes how as more and more paths or roads are cut into an environment the more it destroys the natural flow of nutrients and sexual reproduction. This in turn increases the mortality of first the fragile plants, animals and insects, and in turn etfects the more hearty thriving plants and animals. The cutting of any more trails according to Dr. Miller would be absolutely detrimental to the ecology and variety of fauna in the woodlot. An easy way to visualize fragmentation is like trying to cut your own hair. If you make a mistake, you try to cut more to compensate for the mistake and make your hair even. If you keep that up you will wind up being bald. The same will happen to these woods if we do not stop cutting more trails.

There are many areas of the woodlot that are extremely healthy and have a large variety of plants and animals. Phyrma leptostachya, a rare plant in Vermont is the only species of its type, and it is found in the woodlot here at LSC along many of the lowland paths. P. Leptostachya

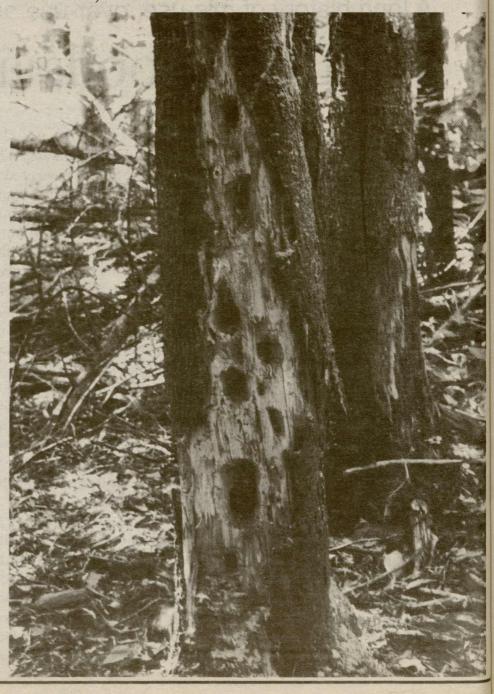
is not reported to be found at all in Caledonia county. P. Leptostachya is a slender plant with paired fruit that hangs from the tops of thin shoots upside down and look similar to rabbits ears. It got its common name of Lopseed from this structure of the plants. It is found in deciduous woodland areas that have sweet soil. The plant is less than one meter high and is beautiful ground cover for our woodlot. However, there is a foreign invading plant called Gout Weed that is taking over Lopseeds and many other plants such as wildflowers and ferns habitat. Dr. Miller suggests an easy solution to solve the problem would be to get a group of ten or fifteen Students together show them what gout weed looks like and tear it out of there. Small contributions toward the woodlot will leave the variety plants for many generations of students in the future to enjoy.

Dr. Miller is also very pleased about many of the projects that have been done that add tremendously to the beauty of the campus. For instance, Dragon pond outside of the Rita Bole Center is an excellent example of an aesthetically pleasing project for the Campus. It is home to many types of birds because it is very sheltered by the trees that surround it. Dr. Miller states that the pond is a beautiful asset to the college and that it is a well done project because of

the fact that the College left the trees along the edge of the pond. The trees will tend to filter out impurities that could harm the water and also are a good deterrent for people who tend to abuse the ponds into the area by dumping their trash into them.

In any situation of environmental concern it is our nature to believe that all is going to turn out well, and that nature takes care of itself. While this is true in some respects, the better approach as far as Dr. Miller is concerned is to use human intervention to allow nature to begin to heal itself. Any positive intervention will improve the woodlot, and within two or three years the condition of the woodlot would be greatly improved. All it would take is some heart and caring for our home here at LSC along with the help of the faculty to allow there to be some guidelines for the usage of the trails. Cross country coach Chris Ummer noted that he has seen marked erosion on the trail in the last two years, due to high traffic and no leaf bed. Ummer removes the leaves to the trail so that tree roots and locks will be exposed for safety concerns. He suggested that something should be done to protect the bed: "It is a beautiful forest. I'd like to see someone to come in and take a look at it and make everybody happy."

Woodland snags, like the one here, provide a home to small insects and birds. The holes were made by a Pilliated Woodpecker. The foot tall bird with a bright red tuft, can be found in the LSC woods.



Squirrel Nut Zippers rock Manchester

By E. C. K.

The drive to Manchester, New Hampshire is a long one. The mountains are big and the road is long, but it was worth it for where I was going. The ticket said the show started at 7:00 and the clock in the car read 6:58 so I knew I was going to miss the opening band. Kids remember speeding is not safe, but it's worth it when come to these groups.

I got to Saint Anseln College at 7:00. "Damn it I missed G love!" I thought. I got to the Carr Center and got in line. I heard no music coming from inside. Getting to the door took another fifteen minutes. I waited to be searched. The cop grabbed me and checked every pocket. It felt like more of a welcome to prison then to a concert. Walking into the Carr Center is like walking into a high school gym. No seats, just a temporary stage. I found a place and waited. The crowed was made up of 15-25 year old kids. For many, this was there first concert. People

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were talking about how they messed up on the tickets and the show started at 8:30. It was 8:25 by my watch. I hadn't missed anything.

The lights went low and an 82 year old Blues singer by the name of Honeyboy staggered on the stage. Armed with only a guitar and back up washboardest. He played the sweetest Blues I every heard. Sure there were mistakes, but the crowd over looked them. After a twenty minute set he got up and left to applause of 400 white catholic kids. I bet in his 82 years he never thought he would be playing to a crowd of kids.

Up next G Love took to the stage. If you never heard G Love he's kind of a mix between the free verse of Beck and the funk of George Clinton. He kicks his rhymes quick, but smooth. His legs swung back and forth like he was have sex with his guitar. The girls loved it, and the guys were jealous of him. His base player was off in his on world. Drug

induced? Probably. He sounded great with Special Sauce. The crowd cheered at the song "My Baby Got Sauce," and "Cold Beverages." After he left the stage, the crowed wanted more.

Nut Zippers took the stage. Their brand of Forties Swing and Jazz got the crowed moving. There is no real one singer in the band. All of them change instruments during the amazing 2 sets. The voice range of Katharine Whalen is amazing when she says "Put a Lid on it." The best part of the night was when "Hell" was performed. The joint started jumping. Twinkies were thrown on stage and people sang along. After the first set they came back and did a phenomenal twenty-minute set of all old 40's Swing songs.

After the show, I got a chance to talk to most of the members of the Squirrel Nut Zippers. They all started playing in 1993 in a old house outside of Chapel Hill, NC. "We all

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learned to play each others instruments.", said baritone saxist Ken Mosher. "The Chapel Hill music scene is blowing up with group like Squirrel Nut Zippers and Ben Fold's Five. In fact were going on tour with They got it when Squirrel Ben Fold's Five in November in Eu-

> Getting in the car was good relief after a toe tapping event like that show. Listen I've been to over fifty concerts and I have to say that this show had to be near the top of the list. If you ever, I mean EVER have a chance to see either G. Love or Squirrel Nut Zippers, do.

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- 10. Watch soap operas all day. Develop split personalities, let each one have a unique speech impediment

LSC women's soccer team on a

By James Ingalls

The women's soccer team's record stands at 5-2. Monday Oct. 6 the Hornets faced New England College who proved not to be much of any problem as they defeated them at home by the score of 3-0. The Hornets controlled the game from start to finish with good performances by goal keeper Joy Lehoullier who made many key saves to keep N.E. College from scoring. The Lyndon

goals were scored by Melissa Hall, Tina Burns and surprise scorer Heidi Fortin who is the Hornets full back that blasted a rocket from outside of the penalty area to score towards the end of the game.

The Lady Hornets traveled to the University of Maine at Farmington on Oct. 1 to face one of the better teams in their division. The key to this game was goal keeper Joy Lehoullier who made an incredible 22 saves to keep the Lady Hornet's lead. Goals in this game were scored by freshmen sensation Tara Bartlett and Jodi Raymond.

On Sept. 27 the Lady Hornets faced a very talented Mt. Holyoke College team that just seemed to run circles around the Hornets. This was goal keeper Joy Lehoulliers first game back after getting a concussion from a collision with a St. Joe's player two games before. At the half of this game the score was 1-0 in Mt. Holyoke's favor. In the second half it appeared that the Hornets were sleep walking on both sides of the field as Mt. Holyoke was beating them to every ball and just out hustling them. The result was that the Lady Hornets suffered their second loss of the season, the first coming at the hands of divisional foes Castleton State College.

The women's next home game is Oct. 20 against Johnson State College at 3:30.

Tennis team finishes third

By Rich Carlson

Led by Captain Jennifer Ellam, Tiffany Sequin, Chori Braley, Becky Frechette, Mellissa Jones, Sara Richard, Jamie Clarke and Jamie Nadeau the Hornet woman capped off a tough season with a fine perfomance at the Maylfower chanpionships finihing third with 4 points, just behind Green Mountain which had 6. Jones came up with the big win and was at the number 3 position trouncing two opponents with her tenacious backcourt play.C

Braley was runner up at the the #5 position with a new found patience on the baseline. Sara Rich-

ard was runner up at the number 2 position and improved steadily throuhout the season.

Braley, Richard and Jones were named to the all Mayflower Conference team. Lyndon State had 3 of the 6 named. Coach Rich Carlson said "What a great performance for the team and especially by Chori, Melissa and Sara. They played huge under pressure when it counted most. I'm happy for them."

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MAYFLOWER ALL CONFER-ENCE TEAM: BRALEY, JONES, and RICHARD 3 of 6 from LSC

Men's soccer

By James Ingalls

The men's soccer team is ranked 9th in the Northeast Region of the NAIA with a record of 5-2-1. Last week junior striker Sean Gerow was named offensive player of the week in their conference for his 4 goal 2 assist performance against Daniel Webster. Lyndon is ranked for the first time in five years. Their biggest test of the season is against perennial conference power Green Mountain College who is currently ranked second. The men faced them this week but because the game took place when the paper goes to press I will have to update you in our next issue.

This past weekend the men

ranked 9th

traveled to Maine to face Husson and St. Joseph's College. In their game against Husson they found their match as they tied 2-2. Coach Skip Pound believed that Husson was the best team that they had faced this year. The goals in this game were scored by Shawn Gerow and Andy Ruwet. The next day the Hornets traveled to St. Joes and won by the score of 2-0. The goals were scored by Andy Ruwet and Jeff Derossier.

On Oct. 2 the Homets would face N.E. College at home. The Hornets were carried by the offense of Jeff Derossier who had a hat trick as they won 3-0. The game was a physical struggle which Coach Pound said N.E. College was not used to and it showed as the Hornets swarmed the goal and were constantly putting

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the pressure on the other teams goalie. On Sept. 29 it would have

sault stung them for 8 goals four of and converted. which were scored by striker Shawn assists. The only goal for Daniel a successful season. Webster was scored early in the first

1:00 p.m.

The Scrum Report

By Brian Cambell

On Saturday, September 27th the Lyndon State Rugby Football. Club took the field against the Alumni in celebration of the club's 15th season.

Alumni players or "Old Boys" from years 1982-95 made the trip to L.S.C. for the matches.

It was the first game for many of Lyndon's players so the teams played an initial 30 minute instructional half. This was followed by three more 30 minute intervals in which "The Old Boys" bested Lyndon's young squad by a tally of 20-7.

A dominant scrum and intelligent kicking characterized the Alumni's play. Lyndon limited the "Old Boys" scoring through tenacious hitting.

Lyndon's single try came in been better if Daniel Webster had the second period when flyhalf John never shown up as the Hornets as- Leary broke away in the backfield

The women's club also par-Gerow. The Hornets beat up on the ticipated in a coed scrimmage folbewildered Daniel Webster team and lowing the men's match. Overall the defeated they by the tally of 8-1. The matches were an opportunity for games first game cam off from an Lyndon's in experienced clubs to errant goal kick that dropped short learn the game in a safe and effective and Shawn Gerow picked off and manner. The team seems to have went in one on one with the goalie plenty of raw talent and a good feel and blasted it home. Gerow would for the game. Skill refinement and strike for three more goals and two conditioning are still needed to ensure

The Lyndon State Men's and Women's clubs would like to extend The men's next home game their thanks to the large and viral is against Castleton on Oct. 11 at crowd who helped the team to one of the best showings against the Alumni on record.



Jeff Derosher, Shawn Gerrow and Andrew Guyette (left to right) plot out the Hornet attack



The Intramural Sportscenter

by James Ingalls

The intramural stars of the week are Jamie Mayo and Jeff Stein. Jamie because she lead both her women's street hockey and coed softball teams to two victories. Jeff received the nod because of his fabulous performance in the flag football league by scoring 44 points and throwing for two touchdowns this week.

The flag football league is in high gear and the team that it looks like to beat is the Frugal Gourmets as they lead the league with a 5-0 record. The Gourmets have averaged just over 50 points a game and have out

scored there opponents by a ratio of point in the season. 253 -66. Contenders against the Gourmets may be the Fuji Cox 9 (5-1) and the Pop Tarts (4-1). The league leaders in scoring are Jeff Stein with 80 points, Jamie Kingsbury not too far behind with 78 points and Jay Lemont with 58 points.

In men's street hockey news the Hanson Brothers and Shorthanded are both tied for first with 4-1 records. In a second place tie are both the Pro Wings and K.O.A. both with 3-1 records. League leaders in scoring are Jay Lachance with 10 goals, Brian Clark with 9, and Pete Maneen with 8. It appears that the title is just about anyones at this

Going over to the other side in women's street hockey action the Lady Motivators are in first with a 6-2 record, the Unmotivated are in second with a 4-1 record. Heather Pickering still leads the league in scoring with 20 goals but Tara McCaffery is right on her heels with 19 of her own. It looks like it may just come down to a playoff between the Lady Motivators and Unmotivated to decide who wears the crown.

Now going on to the sluggers of the coed softball league Jamie Kingsbury is in the league lead for dingers with 4 round trippers so far

this season. The team to beat is the Roofus Q's as they post the league's best record at 5-0. Lube Job and Goodwins are tied in distant second place with 3-2 records. League leaders in runs are Pat Quish and Mike Dale both with 13 and Jay Lemont with 11. It looks like the Roofus Q's have it all wrapped up but don't look for the Goodwins or Lube Job to stop fighting for the elusive tee-shirt.

Anyone interested in signing up for the Basketball or Wiffeball tourneys should stop by the Intramural office before Oct. 13, there will also be a volleyball league signup with the same deadline.

Cross country team tries Badgers trap the to

In the past of men's cross country the team to beat in the state has been Johnson State College until this year when the Hornets are threatening to sting the Badgers for the Mayflower Conference championship. Coach Chris Ummer said, " I feel that the pressure has to be on them because the beat us by a lot this past weekend." The Hornets are the hunters and are hoping to score a trip to the Nationals which are held in Kenosha, WI.

Strong front runners for the men's team are Sean Fisher, Michael Bruhn, Chris Spears and Sean Brady. The Hornets hope to pull together and reach their ultimate goal which is to defeat Johnson at the Regionals so that the team can move onto Nationals. Coach Ummer said that there has been vast improvements for most of the runners in one race or the other. This past weekend the Hornets competed in the Vermont State Colleges meet that was held at Middlebury University and faired

quiet well even though they lost to Johnson. Last year in most of the meets with Johnson, Lyndon only had one of it's runners running with the top six of Johnson but this year they have five runners running within Johnson's top six. Coach Ummer is very confident that his bunch of runners can beat the Badgers and move on to Kenosha. Coach Ummer said, "It is all about getting everyone on the same page by the end of the season." Top finishers from the Hornets in the Vermont State meet were Michael Bruhn 11th, Sean Fisher 15th, Chris Spears 29th and Sean Brady in 35th.

On Sept. 27 the Hornets ran at the Pop Crowell Tournament at Gordon College up in Maine. The Lyndon men as a team finished an impressive 3rd place out of a field of 9 team some which included higher divisional teams. Top individual finishers for the Hornets were Sean Fisher 10th, Mike Bruhn 13th, Andy St. Amour 20th and Jonathan Dodge 22nd.

don men ran in the U.N.E. Cross Country Invit. where as a team they finished 2nd out of 8 teams. L.S.C runner Sean Fisher won the race with his teammates Chris Spears and Jonathan Dodge coming in 8th and 14th respectively.

As for the women's cross country team this year it looks like there is a lot of potential that can take form between now and the end of the year. The team does not have any front runners but a group that runs pretty consistently together. There is a good core of seasoned runners such as Liz Chase, Anja Gilbert, Marcia Tosi and Kelly Powers. Newcomers such as Melissa Maher, Harvest Fadden and Fawn Grossi have also made a big difference for the team. Coach Chris Ummer said, "This is a solid team without a lot of depth."

The Lady Hornet runners also competed in the Vermont State meet and their top finish-

On Sept. 20 the Lyn- ers were Liz Chase 24th, Melissa Maher 28th, Harvest Fadden 34th and Anja Gilbert 37. At the Gordon College meet the women took 5th place as a team out of a field of 8 teams. Individual top finishers were Liz Chase 19th, Melissa Maher 22nd and Harvest Fadden 28th. On Sept. 20 at the New England College invitational top Lyndon finishers were Melissa Maher 9th, Liz Chase 10th, and Harvest Fadden 12th.

> Coach Ummer believes that the women's team can only get better because they have been plagued with injuries so far this season. Ummer went on to say, "The thing I like the best about both teams is that they all get along together as a team." vas named offension

> The next home race for both teams is Oct. 18th at 11:00 a.m. for the Mayflower Conference Championship. The teams hope to see you all out there cheering them on as they try to surpass Johnson State and win the title!



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A Look at LSC's buildings

his mark on Lyndon State. The District until 1872. Thaddeus Stevens Dining Hall is named for the man of the same name who had a tremendous effect on American history and politics. He worked in Washington D.C. During the Civil War, and became a close advisor to Abraham Lincoln. He acted as a chief economic architect during the reconstruction period following the war, and fought for Black suffrage and schooling. He is best know for his contribution to the writing of the 14th Amendment, the passage providing equality for all under the law.

The Stannard Gymnasium is named for George Stannard, who was born in Georgia, VT in 1820. He was a school teacher who later became involved in the state militia. serving for many years and eventually became a Brevet General of Volunteers, in charge of the Vermont border with Canada. He served a five year term with the Freedmen's Bureau at Washington. After returning to civilian life, he performed as Collector of Customs for Vermont

The name of Rita Bole adorns the swimming pool and gym. A Maine native who moved to St. Johnsbury and a graduate of Middlebury College, she served as President of what is now Lyndon State College, then called the Lyndon Teachers College. She was president of the college for 28 years.

The Robert Rodgers Residence Hall is named for a Vermonter whose reputation has been tarnished with time. He was one of the original surveyors of this area, one of a group of 20 men who set out in 1753 to mark a road along the Connecticut River. He later led an attack on the Abnaki Indian villages near the Canadian border. Although the exact number of casualties is unknown, there have been student movements in the past to change the name of the residence hall, suggesting that a man whose participation in the genocide of the Abanakis does not deserve a memorial.

Luke Potter Poland, a chief justice of maps of Vermont in 1776.

the State Supreme Court, as well as a senator and representative in Con-

Arnold Residence Hall is named for Jonathon Arnold who was the original surveyor of Lyndon in 1781. He was paid nine shillings a day for helping obtain a grant for the town, and in 1789 petitioned the General Assembly for the improvement of roads and communication facilities in northern Vermont.

Jacob Bayley, a soldier in the French and Indian War is the namesake for Bayley Residence Hall. He fought in the war, and returned to Vermont. He was chosen as a poormaster, who oversaw the distribution of food and medical attention to the area poor. He also helped make one of Vermont's oldest roads, the Bayley-Hazen Road, built in

The Whitelaw Residence Hall is named for James Whitelaw, who was responsible for surveying most of northern Vermont's town Poland Hall is named after charters. He completed the fiirst

from page

Michel Guillaume St. Jean de Crevecoeur, commonly known as Mr. St. John, is the namesake of Crevecoeur Residence Hall. St. Johnsbury is also named for him. He was born in France in 1735, and sailed for the new world and ended up in Canada.

He was an explorer in the Great Lakes region, and lived with Mohawk Indians in the Green Mountains. He was naturalized in 1764.

Finally, the Wheelock Residence Hall is named after Eleazar Wheelock. She resided in Hanover, NH, and was the founder of Dartmouth College. Her family held the grant to the nearby town of Wheelock.

The area surrounding Lyndon State College is rich and alive with history. These buildings here on the LSC campus play and important role in memorializing some of the most influential and important people in Vermont history and preserving this history for generations to follow.

Social serves as kickoff for GSA

By Adrienne Graf

Last week the LSC Gay and Straight Allinace Club held their first social. The purpose of the event was to gather homosexual, bisexual, and neterosexual students together to learn about each other and to socialze. The Office of Student Life, neaded by Trish Turner-Seadale, is he sponsor of the LSC Gay and Straight Allinace Club.

The club's basis is to create iwarness to LCS students and to nake sure that everyone is appreciited, no matter what their sexual refrence may be.

Jeff Senterman is the president of the Gay and Straight Alliance Club. He is excited about this year, and wants to get the word out as much as possible. Senterman is doing his best to make the club more visible.

The club is open to all students and meeting are held every Tuesday evening at 8:35pm in the Vail Conferece Room. Everything that goes on during the meetings is strictly confidential.

For more information, write to: LSC GSA: care of Office of Residential LIfe Lsc Box 7335

Dingbats from page 1

Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain by Betty Edwards, is a book dedicated to the study of the sides of the brain. Right brained people are thought to be the creative ones. Edwards describes them as spatial, nomrational nontemporal. They have the ability to get absolutely involved in a project that time and space loose their meaning. Right brained people view objects in relation to each other, and have the ability to create visual interpretations of what they see. Left brained people on the other hand are described by Edwards as logical, rational linear, and digital. They tend to sequence one after the other and keep track of time.

So here is that question again. Are yo thoroughly tapped into your creative side? Or is the right side of your brain calling out to be freed? One of the comments Edwards made in her book was, "Everyone needs tools. A writer needs words, a musician needs notes and an artist needs visual perceptions." So, again it does not matter which of the above catergories yo fall into, Lyndon State College has something for you.

Zapf Dingbats is a club for all kinds of creative people and is open to all Lyndon State College students plus memebers of the surrounding community. Zapf is being started by our very own graphic design majors and has a goal to increase the art awareness on campus. Those who were present for the past family weekend might have enjoyed the

chalk art, which was the Dingbats first event of the year. Future plans include craft workshops, club field trips, and T-shirt making.

Zapf Dingbats is just getting started so now is the perfect time to join. Come and let your creative side be free. Your brain will thank you for it.

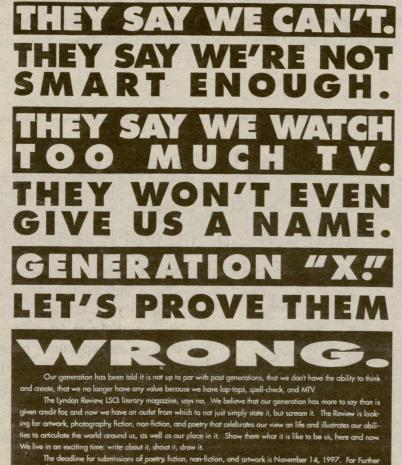
Officer are: Dana Greavelle, president; Anthony Shea, vice president; Sean Tymecki, treasurer; Katie VanDegriek, secretary; House representatives: Christy Samiagio, Peter Thompson, Historian, Racheal Esancy.

If you are interested come to HAC 133 Monday nights at seven, or contact Dana Gravelle at 626-1415.

Senate — from page 1

responsible for the formation of the proposed Jewish Club has left LSC so the constitution is tabled until further interest develops. The former Spanish Club, now known as the International Club presented a constitution on September 30. After a week of review it was passed at the October 5 Senate meeting.

October is National Relationship and Domestic Abuse Prevention Month. Senators will be distributing purple ribbons and information packets in support of this theme. The Senate will not meet next week due to Fall Break but will resume its weekly meetings on October 21 at 9p.m. in T-202.



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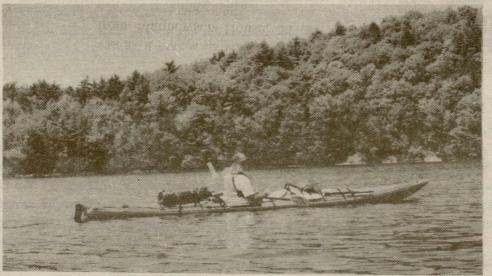
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Goin' down the river feelin' fine

ARAMARK employee Stuart Farina at the start of his 1,000 mile kayak voyage. Farina and Senior English major Jamie Struck traveled from **Burlington to western** New York for two months this summer. For details, see page 6



New parking regulations to be enforced starting Monday

The LSC Security Office issued a statement that is effected next Monday, Lyndon State College parking rules and policies will be strictly enforced. All faculty, staff and students are required to display Stonehendge: lot number 2 an L.S.C. parking permit on the rearview mirror of their motor vehicles. These permits are issued by the security department., (Vail 342), House: lots number 2, 4, 6 and are free of cost.

Below is a map showing where each color coded, permit is authorized to park on campus.

- nember 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- 2) Gold permit, staff: lots number 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

- ers: lots number 2, 4, 6
- 4) Orange permit, Wheelock: lot number 2
- 5)
- 6) Green permit, Wheelock: lot number 7
- 7) Red permit, Mathewson
- 8) Grey House: At Grey House
- 9) Brown House: At Brown House

November 1 marks the town 1) Blue permit, faculty: lots of Lyndoville's winter parking ban. The town states, "NO vehicle shall be left parked on any street or highway within the limits of the Village

3) White permit, commut- of Lyndonville between the hours of 12 a.m. and 7 a.m. during the period from Nov. 1st of each year to the 15th day of April of the following year Purple permit, unless special arrangments for parking are made with the Ceif of Police."

> The vehicle can be towed and the owner of the vehicle is charged with the towing bill (which is usually about \$40 plus a fine of \$10).

> New this year all towing charges and fines must be paid prior to release of the vehicle. These charges must be paid at the Village Clerk'

> s office during normal business hours. So, if a car is towed on a Friday night, the vehicle cannot be recovered until Monday morning.

Lyndon State College Campus Parking Residence Halls N> Faculty/Staff/Handicap Library/Dining Hall Staff Wheelock Residents

Students cited in connection with stolen truck

Two Lyndon State students were cited earlier this week to appear in court to answer charges of possession of stolen property in connection with a stolen pick up truck which was recovered at a Lyndon State parking lot on September 25.

According to State Police reports, Joseph R. Caswell and Justin L. Scher were cited at the end of a month-long investigation and are scheduled to appear in Caledonia District Court on December 15.

The pick up was reported stolen on September 20 in Methuen, Mass.

In addition to the stolen property charges Caswell was charged with operating without owner's consent and unlawful mischief.

The truck was a 1988 Isuzu pickup and the investigating officer was Sgt. Walter Goodell.

Shuttle service initiated to relieve parking problem

In an attempt to ease the parking crunch in the Vail parking lot, Lyndon State College will begin a shuttle van service on Monday, Nov. 3. Commuters may park at the Fenton Chester Arena, across from Lyndon Institute, and catch a college van as it makes its way up the hill from Matthewson House, an offcampus residence hall.

"LSC has experienced an increase in enrollment this semester of about 10 percent from one year ago," said Wayne Hamilton, Dean of Administrative Affairs. "We are very pleased with this trend, but it has strained our parking facilities during peak hours. We hope that the addition of off-site parking and a shuttle van will reduce the pressure on parking during those hours."

Since the beginning of the semester, the college has found itself short about 50 parking spaces, forcing students to park on the grass and travel lanes. Hamilton said the col-See page 7

PINION

Vermont Colleges must band together to pressure Legislature for funding

It's time for the Vermont State Colleges to band together and put pressure on the upcoming Vermont Legislative session to appropriate more money into the VSC. Since 1991, the state has been kicking in less and less money to higher education. Last year higher education appropiations dropped by 8 percent. Last year the VSC netted collectively 84 million dollars. If you would compare the VSC earnings with Vermont business the VSC could be seen as one of the

state's top grossing business. It's time the state recognized the economic and social impact of the VSC and reward it accordingly. Here at Lyndon we struggle with the hand we are dealt by the state. Most programs here are run on very tight budgets and allow little room for expansion. Attendence and the money earned by the VSC is at an all time high. It's time for the state to recognize our progress and kick in some extra money into our programs. The VSC needs support of the legislators that live in the regions where the state colleges are located. They need to come to bat for the VSC and recognize not only the value of the VSC as a training grounds for tommorrow's professionals but the value of having a state college in their community. The VSC needs a boost from the state and should develop a strategy to lobby the State House this winter.

Presidential Perspective

Let's put the New back into News

What a lot of people do not know is that when I came to Lyndon in the fall of 1994, I was a Communication Arts and Science major. After a year I decided that it was just nor for me. I did not change my major because it was too hard, or the professors, or the students. I just realized that Political Science was something that I wanted to more.

As I listen to my fellow students talk one of the things I hear over and over is the state of the egipment in the CAS department. Currently, there are 24 reporters and 18 photographers using two cameras. That is something that is hard for me to understand. When you think that by far, CAS is the largest major at Lyndon. More than 200 students are currently enrolled in the CAS degree, and I would imagine that more than 25 percent of the current student body reaps direct benefit from the department.

On Wednesday night, I had the chance to witness a live edition of LSC-TV, this broadcast was not just done well, but also professional. Last year the students in the CAS department signed a petition asking for better and more equipment. But, as far as I can tell there was not much done with this petition. This a growing department and there needs to be more money spent to buy more equipment.

By Joe Sinagra

I think that we would all like to see more money spent in our department, but the fact of the matter is CAS needs the money the most in my opinion. I would like to encourage the current administration to do what ever it can to give the CAS department more money for new equipment. I understand that there is competition in both the work force anbd for LSC money, but I don't believe that the competition in the CAS department should be who can get to the camera the quickest...."But that's just my opinion!"

Intern sends news of time spent on Hilton Head

Hello, my beloved LSC I write you from a small boot shaped island located in South Carolina. It is a well known beach bound paradise as far south as Vermont is north. I am here for the fall semester to complete an internship requirement for my degree in Recreation resource Management. I was asked to share a bit of my experience with you- so here we go!

First, let me say that during my search for an internship, the thought of working for a beach front resort never crossed my mind. I had actually been looking to do my internship in a state or national park in the mountainous regions of the country. I did this, for it is in the mountains, that I feel most at home. I found that my search kept

leading me to dead ends because of all of the parks that did offer internships, did not offer room and board. It turned into an impossible situation so I began to look in other directions and I suddenly found myself here - amidst tourists, vacationers, and business people that tend to drop large bundles of cash on recreation during their stay.

I do a good deal of everything here. Any given day could entail planning and implementing recreational activities for convention groups to running daily activities for children. I also help run the health club, the pool hut, and our bikes and blades rental shop. Currently, I am working on putting together the annual Haunted House which is open to the public for two nights. The complete

project will have taken two months by the time we open the doors to everyone. Planning for an upcoming Christmas Craft Fair is also underway.

I work with four other interns here. We are all recreation majors and we all come from different parts of the country. We live in a nearby villa located about a mile from the resort.

The fall season seems nonexistent here. The leaves don't change color and there isn't a sigh of cooler weather as of mid-October. I'm adjusting to these differences gradually. For instance - instead of taking a hike in the mountains as I would in Vermont, I go for a stroll on the beach. Trust me, it's not so bad.

Christine Rosborough

Sexual assault group reaffirms presence

By Heidi Tracy

According to the Crime Victims Research and Treatment Canter at Medical Univ. of South Carolina, only 2% of all rapes reported are false. Did you also know that rape has become an important issue on campus? There have been several groups on campus that share the responsibility of making the bringing this awareness to the Lyndon State college campus. Student Life and Irene Blanchard's Rape and Sexual Assault Support Group are the most prominent of these groups.

Irene Blanchard, Professor of Psychology, formed her support

group in the spring of 1996 after recognizing there was a rape issue at LSC. According to Blanchard, one of this groups goals is to bring a more supportive atmosphere to the LSC campus. In the past a woman has been harassed for admitting the rape and " getting the guy in trouble". This campus has a very low rate of reported rapes. This is due to the lack of support by fellow students, not the administration.

This is such a problem because every known rape at LSC has been an acquaintance rape. This rector of Student Life, has also helped type of rape is the most traumatic for a woman because she knew and trusted the attacker. This is why the

primary purpose of the support group is is "to help those women who have been raped, to heal. Rape causes long-term psychological damage and these woman need a safe-healing space." said Blanchard.

The support group helped raise awareness last semester by entering classrooms all over campus. The majority of these visits had a very positive effect. Many students , and now understand the seriousness of date rape on this campus.

Trish Turner-Seadale, Distudents become aware of the issue. Seadale ensured her Residential see page 8

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Sexual Harrassment Policy seeks to maintain atmosphere of trust

By Sara Carr

The purpose of LSC Policy 311 is to "maintain an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust which is essential to work of college communities." If a member of the LSC community feels that he or she have been harassed they need to report it to a contact person. Contact people can be faculty, staff, or students that

are trained to advise individuals on violations of Policy 311. Unlawful harassment is defined as "verbal or physical conduct based on a student's race, creed, national origin, age, marital status, veteran status, sex, sexual orientation, or disability and has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance."

The names of contact people are published and can be found in

several sexual harassment and as- outcome. sault brochures. Some students have withdrawn from the program since those lists were published. The Campus Climate Committee is currently working on finding more volunteers for the program.

Contact people are not the only source available, coordinators also hear cases, they oversee everything and make sure that the proper steps are taken to produce a good

There are two ways in which a complainant can resolve the problem, formally or informally. If a formal written complaint is filed, the President or the Chancellor must be notified immediately. The complaint is then investigated by an administrator, with confidentiality. In the case of an informal complaint, the adminstrator then writes a letter to see page 8

Moulton, Cornelius, and Sargent named College Foundation Scholars

Leighann Moulton of Sutton, Aaron Cornelius of Island Pond and Faith Sargent of Newport were named Lyndon State College Foundation Scholars for the 1997-1998 and 1998-1999 academic years. Barbara Cheney of Newport was named the LSC Foundation Adult Scholar for the 1997-1998 academic years. Foundation President Patricia Emery fo Lyndonville presented the recipients with their awards at a reception at LSC.

Moulton, daughter of Reginald and Ann Moulton of Sutton, was ranked 23rd in her class of 125 students at Lyndon Institute. She earned hihg honors during all four years and was involved in the Future

Business Leaders of America. Moulton is majoring in Mathematics and Secondary education.

Cornelius, son of Gary and Gayle Cornelius of Island Pond, was raked third in his class of 191 students at North Country Union High School. He won several academic awards including a mathematics prize and University of Vermont top 10 percent award. Cornelius is majoring in Social Science Secondary Education.

Sargent, daughter of Lance and Brenda Sargent of Newport, was ranked first in her class at the United Christian Academy in Newport. While in high school, Sargent was president of her class, yearbook editor, editor-in-chief of theschool newspaper, sang in choir, played the

flute and played soccer, all while maintaining a 3.35 grade point average. She is majoring in Special Education.

Foundation scholars must be graduates of schools in the Northeast Kingdom who have demostrated academic potential and financial need, and who have applied for admissions to LSC as a full time students. One award is made annually to entering freshman from each of the NEK counties of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans. College transfer students who graduated from high school in the NEK may also qualify for the award. Each award is for \$1,000 over two years, providing the recipients maintains a grade point average of 2.5

Cheney is active in commusemester.

nity activities in Newport, volunteering with the Red Cross, Cancer Fund, Bishop's Fund, Brownies and North Country Union High School. She has been named to the Dean's List while at LSC and was listed in Who's Who Among Students in America Universities and Colleges. She has maintained a 3.83 grade point average and is majoring in Huyman Services/Counseling.

The adult scholar must be a resident of the NEK who has demostrated academic potential and financial need, who is enrolled as a full time, nontraditional -age student, new or returniong to LSC. One award of \$500 is made annually, and is for one year, providing the recipient maintains a 2.5 GPA for the second

nding resulting in higher tuition State continues to lower VSC

By Joshua Terry

The Vermont State College's are the most expensive state supported schools in the country. According to a report issued by the Vermont State Colleges, tuition has increased since 1989 while the amount of state appropiations per full time student has decreased. Al-

though there are more students enrolled at the Vermont State Colleges the state is appropriating less money into the Vermont State Colleges and has not kept up with the rise of inflation.

Becky Brodigan Vermont State College's director of planning and research said, "tuition has been going up but the state is kicking in less and less money. The Vermont

State College's receive the lowest level of state support in the country which translates into the highest tuition for a state school in the country."

In 1975 the state appropriated 35 % of the total revunes collected at the Vermont State Colleges. In 1997, that figure dropped to 18%. This year the VSC collected \$84.6 million in revunes while the state

appropriated \$15.2 million towards the VSC. Figure 1 illustrates the amount of state appropriated money in the 1990's as opposed to the rise in inflation since 1990. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) line takes inflation into account using the base year of 1990. Figure 2 shows the state has dropped its support for higher education by 8%.

Figure 1

Vermont State College State Operating Appropriation during the 90's

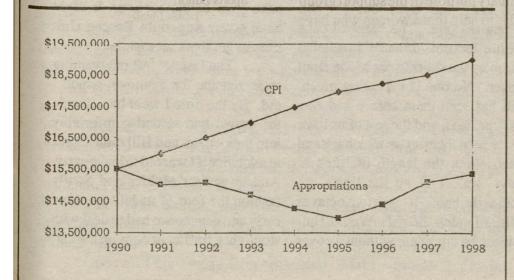
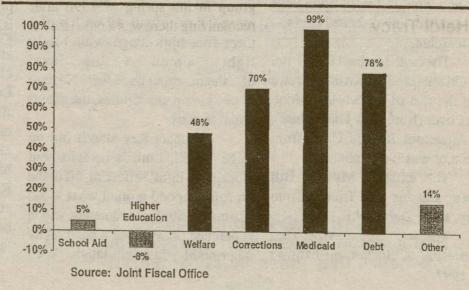


Figure 2

Change in share of State spending, 1990-1997



Music Reviews

Bob Dylan "Time Out Of Mind"

Review by Bill Graves

Bob Dylan's newest release on Columbia Records, "Time Out Of Mind" is his first studio album in four years. Most of the material on this CD was written after Dylan's near death experience this summer. In "Trying to Get to Heaven," Dylan speaks of the seriousnes of the illness he had, and shows to all the world, perhaps for the first time, his mortality.

The album has an abnormal amount of love songs, songs about loneli-ness, and songs of loss. "Standing in the Doorway" is an example of all of them. Dylan sings about a woman who left him and the loneliness felt. Another tune, "Love Sick," states over and over how tired he is trying to find someone to be with.

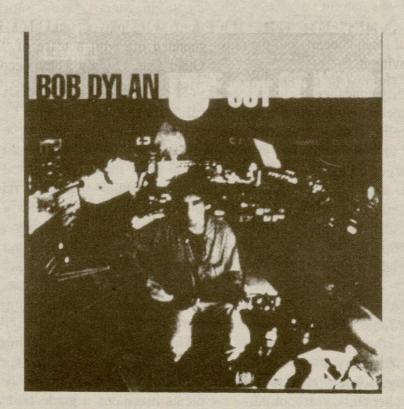
Besides the love songs, the new recording has plenty of blues numbers. "Dirt Road Blues" and "Cold Irons' Bound" are two tracks that show Dylan can still write his patented outlaw blues songs. These are the most Dylanesque tunes on the album. Also, the 16 minute track "Highlands," gives listeners memo-

ries of older, historic Dylan tunes like "Desolation Row" and "Hurricane."

A few other highpoints on "Time..." are "Not Dark Yet" and "Million Miles." Both songs are mixtures of the quintessential Dylan and his feelings of near-death, balanced with a wonderful blues rift background. These two songs help

round out the album and make it one of his best projects since "Blood On The Tracks" was released in 1975.

It almost seems as though Dylan is telling us he is calling it quits on recorded albums. He places an unfamiliar finality within each song. If this is indeed Bob Dylan's last studio project, at least he'll go out with a bang.



Sherri Jacson

Review by Bill Graves

Sherri Jackson, who spent the summer of 1997 traveling across the country on the Furthur Festival, has recently released her debut eponymous album. Containing 12 tracks ranging from Blues to Cajun Rock, the most impressive feature of this three piece band from Denver is their song writing. Unfortunately, in most cases, her bandmates skills leave much to be desired. Sherri, on the other hand, carries the band by showing her ability to play guitar, and her expertise on the violin shines throughout the album.

"Misery" is the first notable track. It's a solid Blues number that displays Jackson's stunning voice. The pop-oriented "Time & Time" is another to take note of, revealing her knack for writing lyrics. Other highlights; "Maple Tree," the A Cappella "Rice & Beans," and "Professors' Blues."

For the most part, the rest of the album is lacking stability. The bands' style of music floats around too much (there is even an attempt to play in a ska-like fashion). If Jackson can narrow her playing down to what she does best there could be a future for them after all.

Halloween night was all spooks and spirits at Boston concert

Review by Pete Emerson

The whole experience was reminiscent of an X-Files episode. The trip to the show in the hurricane-like winds, the parking spot directly in front of the theatre was big enough to drive a double wide into (never seen Scully parallel park), and the "Man With No Fingers" meeting us at the park bench. I knew the concert would be full of surprises and, like an X-Files season-premier, some of them you wouldn't wish upon your buck-toothed, knock-kneed step sister Ismarelda.

The cast: Michael Ray (from New Orleans) and the Kosmic Krewe (from the rest of the world), Moon Boot Lover (from New Hampshire), and Aquarium Rescue Unit (from Atlanta, or was it Atlantis...).

The extras: Myself, Bill Graves, and his two friends from happy, shiny Derry, N.H.

The set: Somersville Theatre outside of Boston, all-hallows eve, 1997.

The plot: The tickets were paid for, the directions existed in the head of some 17 year-old stoner named John, the night was stormy, the music mostly unfamiliar and the set filled with egg-throwing teenagers, security following us around like Assistant Director Skinner, impatient coffee venders, and the man with two hands, no fingers and a speech impediment trying to bum our cigarettes. It doesn't get any scarier than this, until we walked into the bathroom. Two urinals set on top of a three-foot-high stage with bright lights aimed a the level of...ahem...about three feet. No time to pee your pants kiddies, the shows about to start.

Michael Ray stands out on stage. Well, truth is he starts out alone. The lights reflecting off of the tin foil wrapped around what looks like my parents first tv antenna, which is perched on Michael's head. Any other night you might laugh. Well

what the hell...I did laugh. It was the first surprise of the night, rumors were that Michael Ray might not be closing the show, but to have he and the Krewe open the show. Anywho...the place holds about a thousand I'd say, and maybe 150 were there the first half hour. Michael introduced the Krewe one at a time and it took 20 minutes before the funk hit the fan. 15 minutes later it was over.

We walk outside for a smoke and keep our eyes out for the Fingerless one. The baseball caps are in effect outside and it's a relief to climb up the stairs to see Moon Boot Lover. No one is expecting much. Bill has seen them before and was unimpressed, and the rest of us have never seen them so we kick back and bitch about the length of Michael Rays' set. Out go the lights, on comes the band. It takes two octaves before I catch the riff. Would Halloween be complete without a cover

of "Thriller?" This was the most impressive version I've ever heard and the funk lasted for what seems like a blissful eternity.

Bugs in set is to trong and a milegion

Moon Boot Lover was the highlight of the evening. The set lasted about an hour and 20 minutes, the place was as full as it would be all night and the mezzanine was shaking. The former bass player from Percy Hill, Jon Hawes was in the limelight and put everyone else at the back of the line. Amazing. The set should have gone for another hour. It might have given Aquarium Rescue Unit time to get their set together.

The last act left me wanting to go outside for a smoke, which I did. By the time I went back inside the crowd had settled comfortably into their chairs and Bill didn't have to ask twice if I wanted to leave early. And in perfect Mulder and Scully fashion the four of us left the show early and never once had to deal with stoplights, traffic, or eggs on the car.

Ratdog at Orpheum Theater

Yes, Virginia, there is life - er, Dead - after Jerry

Review by Bill Graves

It was a cold, Sunday night in Boston when Bob Weir showed that there is indeed life after the Grateful Dead. After being in that historic band for thirty years, he is moving his music onward and upward with his new band, Ratdog. The Orpheum Theater was totally sold out for Weir's first appearance in Boston since 1994, and everybody was anxious for the ride to begin.

After a few technical problems, the band opened up with "Walking' Blues," which got everyone out of their seats and dancing. Immediately following the last notes of "Walking," the intro to "Saint of Circumstance" rang through the theater, and went directly into "Loose Lucy."

When the next riffs were heard, only Bob and his bassist, Rob Wasserman, were on stage. Both men were playing acoustic instruments, and they jammed in and out of "KC Moan," "Victim or the Crime" and the epic Bob Dylan classic "When I Paint my Masterpiece." So far, Ratdog was putting on a show that contained all of the energy of a Grateful Dead concert, and the fans were loving it.

The rest of the band resurfaced on stage to play a jazzy jam titled "Juke," which showcased each member of the groups talent. The

jam paved the way for more distorted sounds and instrumental magic in "The Winners," "Easy to Slip," "Supplication Jam," and "Corrina." At this time, none of us thought that it could get any better, but little did we know what the boys had in store for us.

Rob Wasserman took center stage and blew the roof off of the theater with his bass solo. Hints of the Rolling Stones classic "Satisfaction" were played, and then was rounded off with a tease of "The Other One." Only a few seconds passed until Wasserman made way for Jay Lane to come out and put on a drum exhibition. During Lane's solo, members of the band would

slowly come out one by one, and softly add to the jam. Finally, Bobby Weir joined the rest of his mates on stage and all six men broke into two old Grateful Dead favorites, "Samson and Delilah," and "Sugar Magnolia" to end the show. Moments later, as a result of the consistent cheering, the band returned to the stage and finished with a energetic "Gloria" encore.

There was not an unsatisfied soul in the house. Bob Weir and his band played above and beyond expectations. Hopefully, Ratdog will continue touring the country extensively and often.

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Top 10 things to do to piss off your Roomie

By Pete Emerson and Bill Graves

- 1. Burn Marlboro scented incense in your room.
- 2. Hang Dear Abby columns all over the house. Highlight those that might coincide with your roommates problems.
- 3. Throw a Phish album release party, invite all the Phishheads and all the frat crowd. Then invite the chess club and tell them Deep Blue will be there.
- 4. Change your entire wardrobe to polyester leisure suits, play the Bee Gees 24 hours a day. Claim you're the missing brother.
- 5. Start saving your feces, tell your roommate that it's for an extracredit chemistry research assignment. Label them according to what you ate.
- 6. Wet the bed. Every night. Hang the wet undies on a line in the common room. Claim that they feel fresher when they drip dry.
- 7. Buy one of those annoying Mr. Bean posters and hang it over your roommates bed. Impersonate Bean.
- 8. Take stray animals into your room. Let them sleep on your roommates bed. Tell your roommate that they should feel lucky that the animals like them.
- 9. Open a 24 hour a day drug dealership. Make business cards with your roommates name on them.
- 10. Set your alarm clock to "Mmmm Bop" every morning at 4:20. Say it's the only thing that will get you out of bed. Start humming it all day.

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Down the river two kayakers lingered at the edge of Lake Champlain, their boats weighted with gear. Then, they pushed off. . .

amie Struck's idea was simple: do something outdoors and get a college credit for it. What envolved from that thoughts is a two-month-long kayak trip down the Champlain and Erie canals. Struck, a senior at Lyndon State College and another brought his knowledge of member of the campus community, Stuart Farina, pushed off from Shelburne Bay on last has taught kayaking classes at June to travel the canals, documenting their trip through journals and photography.

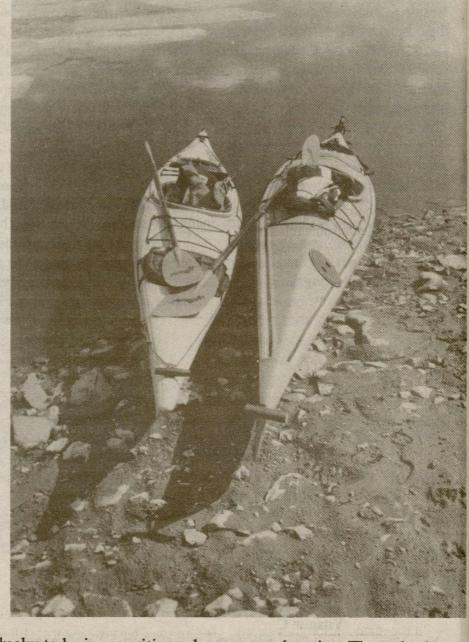
ing something that had never just a casual outing. Through "To design it yourself, get Kascenska, Recreation Reeverthing together yourself. That way, you'll be happy with it".

The 500-mile trip earned Struck six college credits through the English, Recreation Resource &Ski Managment, and Communica- into academic credit. tion Arts & Aciences departments. Struck, who is from St. multidisciplinary approach to Johnsbury Center, is an English learning," Struck said. "I'm just

major with a specialization in journalism and writing. He has taken both introductory and advanced courses in photography and is an avid hiker and outdoorsman. Farina, who is an office manager for ARAMARK Food Service. kayaking to the expedition. Over the last two years, Farina the college's pool and in area lakes and streams.

Several professors "A friend suggested do- helped make the trip more than been done before," Struck said. Assistant Professor John source & Ski Managment, Associate Professor Alan Boye, in the English department, and Communication Arts & Sciences Professor Cynthia Baldwin, Struck will Resort be able to turn the experience

"The theory is a



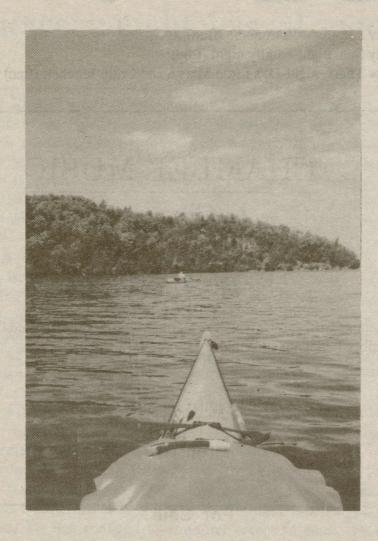
lucky to be in a position where I had the credits (available) that I could do this."

But the learning process has not been regulated to the two consulted Assistant Professor Robert Brooks and Associate Professor James Sawhill, for the Allied Health Sciences & Physical Education department, for nutrition advice, Minn., supplied the kayaks, and Athletic Trainor Chris Ummer for a fitness routine to

port the trip. Thus, the letters and requests for supplies began, with the help of Associate Academic Dean Sher Hruska

Far Horizons of Freeport, waterways. Prior to the trip, the Maine, sent the expeditioners four paddles - prototypes that Farina's kayak class helped modify - and a start racks used to transport kayaks to water. Current Designs, of Winona, which are rotomolded plastic.

James Major, food serprepare physically. also of vice director of ARAMARK. paramount importance was donated much of the 240 pounds finding creative ways to sup- of food Struck and Farina needed.



Above: a view across the bow of Struck's kayak; Right: the two kayakers and their gear at the start of their journey. Photos by Jamie Struck and Stuart Farina.



SPORTS

Hornet basketball season begins with strong blend of new, experienced, hope and tough schedules

Men's team looks to seasoned veterans and talented underclassmen By James Ingalls

The men's basketball team this year is a good blend of seasoned veterans and talented underclassmen.

The team's captains this year are Jamie Kingsbury, Darren Austin and Kerry Lyons. Returnees from last year's team are Jeremy Carroll, Greg Stanzione, Matt McCarthy, Neil LaLonde, Ira Wheeler, Randy Rathburn, Kevin Lyons, Kerry Lyons, Darren Austin and Jamie Kingsbury. Newcomers for the Hornets are Joe Layn, Adam Smith, Shane Garceau and Jim Nelson. The coach of the men's team is Tim Kelly.

The Hornets will have to battle with Mayflower Conference powers Green Mountain College and 13 at 7 p.m.

Castleton State College if they hope to bring home championship banner. Coach Tim Kelly said, " I am real happy with the way the guys are working, they are a real good group of kids." This years team has a little more size than last years team which may prove to be a big help when the Hornets play bigger teams. The Hornet men open their season against Vermont Technical College on Nov.

trating season after starting out so

well to finish so poorly. Coach Pound

made it clear that the Hornets had out

played many of the teams the lost to

but just could not score. The Hornets

finished the season with an overall

Women place hopes on strength of bigger, faster back court

This year's women's team only has two returning players and they are Juniors Diana Chaloux and Leslie Waterman. This years team is going to be a bigger team in the front court and a much quickers in the back court. The team also has more players than it did a year ago so coach Dave Mellor is looking forward to using more up beat types of play during the season.

Coach Dave Mellor talked about how he is really pleased with the effort that the kids are showing. The team's first scrimmage is on Nov. 5 against Trinity College at 6 p.m.

Men's soccer finishes with a loss and a 6-9-1 season

By James Ingalls

The men's soccer team wrapped up their season on Tuesday as the lost to the University of Maine-Farmington by the score of 4-3. The Hornet's goals were scored by Jay Valliers, Shawn Gerow and Norm Laliberte. Colin Marcotte and Chris Wilson had assists in this game. Coach Skip Pound thought that Doug Kennedy the Hornets keeper had the game of his career keeping the Hornets in the game after they were behind 2-0 at halftime. Coach Pound was impressed by the way that the Pound said that it had been a frus-

team held together and fought back from the scoreless first half to score three goals in the second half to make it a good game.

Over the course of the season the Hornets have experienced everything from being ranked 9th in the Northeast region to fall to the bottom of their league. Through all of this diversity the Hornets did not loose their focus or intensity. Coach Pound said that the team never once rolled over and died but instead kept battling until the end of the season. Coach

record of 6-9-1. Cross country teams fare well at Mayflower Conference Championship

By James Ingalls

It was a beautiful autumn day when the Mayflower Conference Championships were ran here at Lyndon State College. Both the men's and women's teams for Lyndon had good showings. The women's team lost to top rated Johnson State by only one point in the team scores for the championship whereas the men lost by six points to Johnson.

For the women's team the top weekend.

Decter's International Tae Kwon Do

Tournament at Norwich University

on November 1. Gagne trains under

runners were Melissa Maher finishing in fourth with a time of 23.29, Liz Chase in fifth with a time of 23.41 and Harvest Fadden in sixth with a time of 24.10.

On the men's side top finishers were Sean Fisher in second place with a time of 29.32, Mike Bruhn in fourth with a time of 29.52 and Chris Spears in seventh place. Both teams will be competing in the Northeast Regional Championships which will be held in Waterbury, CT this

LSC student places in Tae Kwon Do Tourney

LSC senior Jeremy Gagne the direction of Master Richard placed bronze medal in the Olympic- Menard of St. Johnsbury who teaches style sparring and gold in point a class in Tae Kwon Do at LSC. sparring at the 17th annual Master

"It was an all around successful tournament for both competitors and spectators," said Gagne

Women's soccer drop last game 5-1

By James Ingalls

The women's soccer team finished up it's regular season this past Saturday against conference powerhouse Green Mountain College. The Hornets lost 5-1 but they did not have their whole roster as some of their players couldn't make the game. The game before when the Hornets faced the Cadets of Norwich University resulted in a 0-0 tie. This could almost be considered a victory up. anyway for the Hornets as the Cadets are a very speedy and talented team.

On October 18, the Hornets face Johnson State College to deter-

mine who would get the final berth into the post-season. The Hornets came out of the gates fast as Melissa Hall tallied the game's first goal in the first minutes of the game. Jodi Raymond was the next to strike for the Hornets as she blasted a shot through the defense and past the Johnson goal keeper. The final Hornets' goal was scored by Melissa Hall as she tapped the ball past the goal keeper in a one on one match-

The Hornet's will travel to Green Mountain College on Saturday to face the number one seeded Green Mountain College.

Shuttle-

lege was hoping to find a solution to the problem before snow made the situation worse.

The van will run every 20 minutes, beginning its route at Mathewson House at 7 a.m., picking up commuters at the Ice Arena parking lot, then dropping them off in front of Vail. The last stop at the house will be at 6:40 p.m. This schedule is in effect through the fall semester, and a new schedule will be issued prior to the spring semester. Students may also park at the Ice Arena, pick up the RCT Shuttle at

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Lyndon Institute and ride up to the campus free with college ID. The RCT shuttle arrives on campus at 7:55 a.m. and, 11:55 a.m., 2:25 p.m., and 4:10 p.m.

"The college appreciates the cooperation of Dave Dill and town officials, as well as the management of the Ice Arena in making these arrangements," Hamilton said.

Commuters may also want to consider carpooling through the Ride Share program. To find out more about Ride Share call the Public Transit Info Line at 1-800-685-7433

Weekend schedule Winter announced

The Campus Activites Committee has announced that the LSC Winter Weekend will commence February 5-8 1998.

Jared Bouzan CAB Advisor said, "We are already in the early stages of planning but already have some exciting activities that all students will be interested in. Right know we are looking for any suggestions on what the theme should be this year. Last year the theme was Holidays. Traditionally, the theme and events are kept secret until a week before the weekend. But the Campus Activites Board would like to suggest that students should start organizing teams of six or more know because CAB is expecting an overwhelming amount of student participation. CAB will present further updates to The Critic throughout this semester and next."

Harrassment Policy seeks to maintain atmosphere of trust —from page 3

Assistants have had the proper training this year. She said they had two guest speakers from the area speak to the RA's. She also incorporated a presentation by Equalogy, a group from Pennsylvania, into the freshmen orientation this year. They were a college-aged theater group that presented the facts of date rape to the new students. Afterwards the group answered questions.

There has been some concern on campus as to why the support group is only for women.

According to Blanchard,

"When someone has been injured by a man they need a safe to heal, that safe place has to be without men." It is important to realize though that even though men are not allowed at the support group, their support can be given in other ways and is very important." Professor Blanchard explained.

Blanchard also believes that if enough interest arises on campus, a group could be formed in which men are allowed. The purpose, she syas, would be to give support to victims as well as any men who have

been raped. After all, Blanchard points out, woman alone can not stop rape.

If there is anyone on campus who feels they have been raped they should immediately seek medical attention. He or she can notify an RA who should be able to help call anyone the victim needs. Often, a rape victim's first instinct after being violated is to cleanse themselves. This should not be done, because medical personnel will need to obtain evidence in case thevictim requests legal action.

The second thing that should be done is to call Umbrella, a support group in St. Johnsbury dealing with violence against women. Umbrella can be reached during the day at 748-8645 and in the evening at 748-8141. They will send a volunteer to help you through everything.

Lastly and most important is to talk about it. It is a very long healing process that cannot be done without discussing the issue. This is what Blanchard's support group is for. The group will meet every Wednesday at 5:00 pm in Vail 421.

Sexual assault group reaffirms presence

the offender asking for the behavior General Counsel. to stop. They also have the option to arrange a meeting to discuss the incident(s). The contact person has to notify the coordinator. If the person who made the complaint isn't happy with the outcome, they may wish to file a complaint. The first step in a formal complaint is for the complainant to file a written statement describing the alleged offensive behavior. Then everyone involved gets a copy as well as a copy of Policy 311, including the VSC Director of Employee Relations and

A formal complaint is then investigated by two people, one male and one female, that are appointed by the Dean of Students, the President or the Chancellor. The investigators try to find out the absolute truth and report it to the policy coordinator. If another student is found guilty of sexual harassment and their offensive behavior is not halted, they can be thrown out of school. If the said student wishes to appeal, they must do so within ten days of the decision.

In order to prevent any type

of harassment, LSC is required to distribute literature to all employees and students copies of Policy 311, as well as materials that define harassment and explain the rights that we as members of the LSC community possess.

The two coordinators at LSC are Marilyn Nasuta and Kristin Fletcher. They are here to provide information for students and faculty. Policy 311 is one of their main priorities, so if you feel like you are being harassed see a contact person or go to them directly.

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"We make sure people feel that the campus is hopefully, a safe place, and if someone isn't feeling safe, or if feeling harassed... this is the place to talk to someone about it and get some action taken," said Nasuta.

Sexual harassment isn't an obvious thing. It is also harassing someone because of their gender. If someone is treated differently because they are a woman or a man, Fletcher added.

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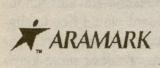
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The 70s are back

Winter Weekend's theme "Through the Decades" was cause for celebration last weekend. See page 4 and 5 for more on the event.

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Budgeting

process complex, important process

By Dina R. Freednan

Budgeting is an important process during the year when all LSC clubs get together and discuss the distribution of student activity funds.

It all starts at the beginning of the school year when the clubs begin meeting and talking about things. Each club has to select a representative, who automatically becomes a member of LSC is House of Representatives. The House of Representatives is the student government division dealing with budgets and other assorted money matters. It is headed by the student body Vice President who serves as Speaker of the House, and consists of one representative from each club on campus along with the student body Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, and an appointed Sergeant of Arms (secretary) who takes notes, and writes all tallied votes and any motions made to do anything.

During the first semester, the House talks about various money dealings. An example of this would be a reallocation, where clubs do not have enough finances in one account and have to transfer funds from another. This is for the

The loss of a friend

With great saddness we are writing to inform you of the death of Joseph Swett, a second year student at LSC majoring in Natural Science. Joseph died Tuesday fron injuries suffered in a snowmoble accident.

Joseph was introduced to The Critic only a couple of weeks ago, but we realized immediately that he was bright, enthusiatic, and very friendly. We at the critic were looking forward to having

Joseph on our entertainment staff and are very sorry to see such a likeable person leave us so soon.

Joseph was the son of LSC's Mailroon Supervisor, Harry Swett. Please keep Harry and his family in your thoughts in this time of loss and grief.

Visiting hours were held Thursday at the Sayles Funeral Home and Funeral Services are scheduled for Friday at 11:00 AM, at the Queen of Peace Church in

Danville. The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Danville School Music Department (c/o Bob Johnson, Principal, PO Box 176, Danville 05828)

A memorial service will be held on campus at a future date. Kristen Fletcher, Coordinator of Public Information, will notify the college community when plans are

Dean of Students Kirk Manning to leave Lyndon

By Rachel Esancy

Kirk Manning, Lyndon State College's Dean of Student Affairs announced Wednesday that he is resigning from his post. A memo released to certain faculty contains the reasons for this sudden

When asked what he was most proud of during his three year term here at LSC he answered, "That question is a bit premature because I am not planning to leave until this summer."



House budgeting process is child's play - or is that just plain childish?

As a member of the House of Representatives here at LSC, I personally was appalled by the circus that was made out of the budgeting process. I believe that all of the House reps have something to be ashamed of—our vicious destruction of the Literary Society (Lyndon Review).

The House members, myself included, acted as children when we devised a punishment for the Lyndon Review leaving two meetings early. When it was motioned that we cut the Review's budget down to \$1 in the perfect binding category, we all laughed... We talked of precedence, of proper punishment, of this and of that.

Precedence. I never realized when I got involved in House that precedence was set to destroy clubs who made mistakes. I was under the faulty impression that House was created as a voice, a protector, and as something dedicated to helping clubs. I obviously was wrong. If this is precedence then it needs to be changed because it is

nothing more than a childish, vindictive way of getting closer to the magic number.

Why was the Review punished so severly? Rugby has missed eight meeting over the course of the year. Did their budget get cut to \$1? No! They lost voting privileges for the remainder of the year. So why is it fair then that the Review, for simply leaving early from two meetings (it wasn't even the rep who left-one of the reps is very ill and the other was ill as well), the Review gets cut to \$12

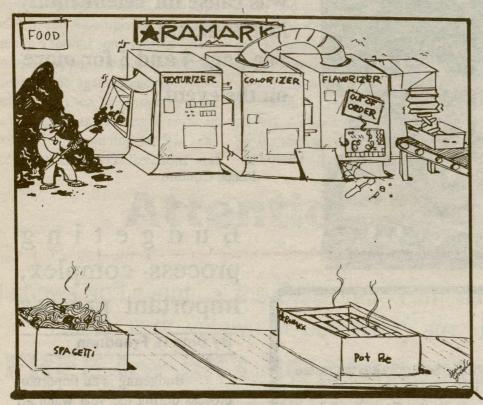
I also found it appalling that when many motioned to make cuts from a club they had no logic in their motion, they only saw a big number that, if removed, would take us a step closer to the magic number. When GMPC was questioned about their treadmill it was said to be a one time item, and thus left alone. When NPPA said the same about its Super Suite and Yearbook said the same about their computer they were cut. I hardly think that to be fair.

I am not writing this to offend any club or person, simply to make known what sort of a sham the entire budgeting process was. Where do we go from here? What if there is no money left in the General Fund for the Review? It would not only be punishment for the club, but the entire LSC community as well. I am ashamed of myself and of the other members of House for laughing at the Reviews situation, for originally voting for the punishment, and for feeling any satisfaction in this farce we call a budget. I am ashamed of the fact that when the Review proposed a new budget, 1945 less than the original, the House had no pity or mercy and did not accept it. I think we all ought to be ashamed of our behavior.

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Congratulations. We finished a budget with a 9.1% freeze, Oh yeah, and in the process killed a club.

Michael Fitzpatrick Northern Lights Yearbook



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Aries- Your aggressive nature has really been scaring people away from you lately and if your not careful, your going to lose all your friends. Just cool down and LIS-TEN for once. You'll see that the people around you are full of useful information that will help you organize your time and work.

Taurus- Been feeling stressed lately? Don't worry we're all in the same boat, You just take things more personally than most. Try to do one thing at a time. See if you can get your honey to give you a massage, because you deserve one. Gemini- You're so logical and helpful that everyone just loves you to pieces. But beware of the green eyed monster. There a lot of jealous friends hiding behind their innocent smiles who are really planning to take you down the first chance they get.

Cancer-You are so sweet and nurturing. Why don't you take some time for yourself? What I'm trying to say is, stop letting other people suck the life out of you. Right now is a good time to buy yourself a gift. Or, if you're an impoverished college student, draw yourself a picture, or bake yourself a cake and give yourself the biggest piece before giving it to the kids in your suite.

Leo- So its's all about you, huh? Hey, there are lots of people around you who love you and like spending time with you and all you ever do is step on the poor guy just to draw attention to yourself. Cut it out. Take your honey out to dinner. Let them know they're special too. Virgo- You are one smart cookie. People come to you for help on their homework. You could kick ass on Wheel of Fortune. But sometimes your demand for per-

fection puts a lot of unnecessary pressure on you and the people you work with. Its ok if you're not in charge of every project you're involved with. Try showing up late for class in sweat pants just once. It feels good.

Libra- You have so many friends and so many things to do that sometimes you forget the things that really matter, like school. Be careful not to fall behind. Don't worry you'll still have plenty of time to party. You might want to call your mom too. She is on of your most important friends.

Scorpio-It's in your nature to think about sex all the time but please don't over-do it. You might end up alienating some of your friends who don't understand your blunt sarcasm. If you happen to get in an argument, watch your mouth you could start an all-out war.

Sagittarius- You are on the go

lately, zipping around between not to do any zipping in your stocking feet, however. You may step on something and not live to find out what the heck it was.

Capricorn- What can I say? You Caps are the best sign in the Zodiac. Anything you set your heart on, you will get. But don't freak out if something doesn't go your way, because that great- looking head on you shoulders will figure out a way to fix things, no problem.

Aquarius- Feel like raising the dead tonight? You morbid side has really been showing lately. That's ok as long as you don't take it too far. You don't have to wear black EVERYDAY, you know. Try watching the exorcist a few times this weekend that movie will scare anyone into wearing a perma-grin. Pisces- Frolicking in the leprechaun mist always gives you the giggles. But reality is more than just a bowl of Lucky Charms, my friend. Sometimes you need to get a grip on yourself and listen to what your Rice Crispies are trying

Vermont's Lt. Governor visits class to discuss Act 60

By Matt Rychlik

Vermont Lieutenant Governor Doug Racine visited Lyndon State College Monday to discuss Act 60, the legal document that is causing controversy throughout the state.

As part of an informational question and answer session, Lyndon State College students were asked to participate in this event to help gain a better understanding of the benefits of Act 60. Lieutenant Governor Racine opened the meeting by speaking about the significance of his responsibilities and about the significance of the Vermont political system. "I appreciate the opportunity to be here and the interest here," Racine said, referring to the turnout, consisting of about 40 students from all fields of study.

"I try to be involved on a daily basis in the legislature. I also try to keep up with issues because you never know when you'll be called upon to step in and be governor," Racine said, referring to his responsibilities as Lieutenant Governor.

Racine contended that "the goal has always been to give communities equal access to re-

sources." Racine also said "Act 60 is designed to give students equal access to money and resources." The state of Vermont, in its ruling, stated that providing for education was a statewide responsibility. "We're developing a system that is fair for all of Vermont's children," Racine said. "I think education is a social responsibility. We all benefit from it," Racine said.

"You make trade-offs in life. You make trade-offs in public policy," Racine stated, "Five to ten years down the road I think we're going to see Vermonters accepting Act 60. Vermonters will have an opportunity to stick with what we've got or to try something else," Racine said.

Act 60, according to Racine, is primarily focused on providing equal educational opportunities for children in poor communities, and secondly, to provide tax relief for the people of Vermont. Racine said "Act 60 wasn't designed to pump more money into the system. What Act 60 has is a mechanism whereby a community can raise additional money." He stated that "Equal effort produces equal resources." Racine talked about raising other taxes to provide property tax relief

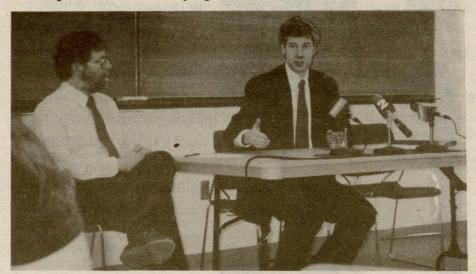
and about leveling the "playing field" in order to raise additional money.

Racine admitted that "Higher education has been under funded." He said that "Clearly education is about investing in our future." He told students to "Make your voices known in this process."

Racine also talked about the tax credits that were added to Act 60 for various purposes, such as: research and development, for new businesses coming into Vermont, and for Vermont businesses who want to expand. "We want to target these tax credits to create economic activity in Vermont," Racine stated.

Racine stressed the importance of special education, saying that "There are kids out there who are different but who are valuable as well." He said that the state and the state legislature would have to sit down and think of ways to provide funding for special education. He also spoke about Act 60's ability to produce special education grants.

Racine defended Act 60 and its many positive points, but also admitted that the act has its flaws too. He said that Act 60 "Does not equalize for every student." In other words, the opportunity for a better education for all of Vermont's children is available, but depending on what schools spend their money on is what will really count in the long run.



Associate Professor of English Alan Boye and LT. Governor Doug Racine in Boye's combined classes last Monday

Student petition calls new grading policy unfair

A student petition was submitted to the Faculty Assembly declaring that the new grading policy is unfair. The Faculty Assembly's planned response will not change the policy however.

The petition was in reposne to a new policy, in effect last semester. Previously a B, B- or B+ were each worth 3 points toward a student's GPA. Under the new system, a B is worth 3 points, but a B- is only 2.7 points, and a B+ is worth 3.3. A similar change affects all grades except A+ which will be equal to an A at 4 points.

According to Bruce Berryman, chairman of the Academic Policty Committee, "the faculty first began looking into changing the issue to respond to the students' request."

The faculty is planning a response to the petition which calls the new policy unfair since the college catalog states that plusses and minuses do not affect a student's GPA.

By Phil Dudas

knowledge of anyone to see what the club is spending money on, to keep things going well, and to have the clubs act professionally. All year clubs reallocate items from their budgets to do things that are beneficial to the school, or for the club. Lyndon State College carries about 30 recognized clubs and organizations. What recognized means, is that the club has a constitution that went through the policy making body of student government, the Senate, and was passed (approved). Most recognized clubs usually have a budget.

Inside each budget are items that the club wants and needs. Some clubs get entertainers to come on campus, another has a radio station here at LSC. In other words, there truly is a club for everyone. Starting the second semester of the school year, each club has to propose a budget on a form for the following year, Each budget for every individual club has items to the organization that are absolutely necessary (A items) and items that the club would like to have (B

items).

Once the budgets have been passed in by all the clubs, the House of Representatives meets for the usual meeting and goes through each budget. The budgeting process is made up of many phases. Phase One, the House goes through the club budgets individually, and every representative explains each item on the list. Phase Two is where the clubs start again to go through the budgets one at a time, cutting items that need to go, or are not worthy of being there. In Phase Three, the budgets are gone through again and cut even more. By the final stage, Phase Four, clubs have to actually sacrifice things. No club likes to give up items, but it is

Budgeting process complex process — from page 1

All of the budgets must total a magic number that the administration has given the clubs to divide. With 30 clubs and not much money to go around, cuts are necessary, although not always appreciated. Some clubs get cut more than others, in fact, if a club representative does not bother to show up at a

meeting, their associations entire budget can be thrown out. The House of Representatives vote together on all issues of cutting, or even renaming certain expense accounts. There are 4 kinds of votes that are used in House (as well as Senate): yes, to approve a motion; no, not approving; abstain, one does not have enough information (this vote counts against); and blank, only used if someone is directly involved.

Usually House meetings range in time. At the beginning of the year, the average House meeting is about 45 minutes to one hour, but at budget time, the meetings range from 3 to 5 and a half hours. Sometimes the meetings last until 2:20 in the morning, but the work has to get done in order for any clubs to have money. So if you are wondering why some students say they are doing ibudgetingi until 2 a.m., now you know.

Although budgeting is stressful for those involved, the House is a fun organization to be a member of. Overall, it is demanding and strenuous, but in the end it is all worth it.



Here's t Weeker









spread on Winter



Photos by Renee Couture





Clockwise from bottom right:

Amanda Dulac shows her spirit during Winter Weekend. Winter Weekend organizers announce the winners of the golf tournament. The Fab 80's enthusiastically display their snow sculpture. Rugby and Wheelock collide on the ice during broomball. Jim Duane and Jared Bouzon get a chuckle during Winter Weekend. The Strange Crew leads a conga line during the lip sync. Nate Isenor puts while fellow Love Bugs look on.

Center:

Strange Crew proudly pose after winning the lip sync and Winter Weekend.



LSC Sports News

basketball team record stands Mens'

By James Ingalls

This past weekend the Mens' Basketball team pushed their record to 9-10 with two in conference wins over Notre Dame College and Atlantic Union College. The Hornets conference record now stands at 5-3, they have five games remaining and four of them are conference games. The final conference games include two games with rivals Johnson State and one with both Castleton and Green Mountain. It will be crucial to the Hornets tournament seeding to gain wins in these final games to ensure a home playoff game.

In Sunday's match-up with the Flames from Atlantic Union the Hornets' had a dismal shooting game. They still managed to squeak out a 59-57 victory over the Flames with a final second heroics on the part of Junior shooting guard Neil Lalonde. Lalonde made a lay-up to seal the victory with only 1 second remaining on the clock. The Hor-

Three Women from this year's soccer team were named to the Mayflower all-conference team. These three players were senior Joy Lehoullier who was an outstanding goalkeeper for the lady hornets this year, Tina Burns a junior, was a defensive player that made sure that no one got close to the goal with her speed and accurate foot. The third and final player

nets' scoring was lead by center Kerry Lyons who had 12 and Joe Layn who helped out with 10 points.

The previous day pitted the Hornets against the Saints of Notre Dame College. The Hornets rolled over the Saints in a convincing way beating them by the score of 84-66. The Hornets only held a 46-37 half-time lead but decided in the second half to take control of the game and open the gap. In the second half the Hornets only allowed the Saints 29 points in route to their 8th victory of the season. The Hornets also had 4 players in double figures lead by freshman Joe Layn with 15, Darren Austin 14, Jamie Kingsbury 11 and Kerry Lyons with 10 points.

On Monday Feb. 2 the Hornets played host to the College of St. Joseph's and had an all out marathon. The fighting Saints finally didn't have anymore gas in them at the end of the 2nd overtime

Soccer Players Named to the All-Mayflower Team

selected was Jodi Raymond a sophomore mid-fielder who was an offensive threat as well as a good passer. These three women were part of a very strong nucleus for the Hornets. The Hornets are losing Lehoullier but look for them to be strong again next year with both Raymond and Burns leading the attack.

and the Hornets took a 124-121 win. The game was a constant battle back and forth between both sides no team wanting to let down there guard. The Hornets inside game finally took over the game in the second overtime lead by Joe Layn who strong play lead the Hornets into the lead. A lead that they would not relinquish thanks to a strong team effort that was highlighted by

7 players gaining double figures in scoring. The Hornets' scoring was lead by Jamie Kingsbury with 22, Layn and Adam Smith with 20, Greg Stanzione 17, Jim Nelson 14, Neil Lalonde 12 and Matt McCarthy with 10.

The next home game for the Hornets is on Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. against divisional foes Green Mountain College.

Lady Hornets Gain Two Conference Wins

This past weekend the Women's basketball team scored two big conference wins over Notre Dame College and Atlantic Union College to push their season record to 6-9. The Lady Hornets have had a rough season which has been filled with road games but they finish up their 1998 campaign with 4 home games. These final home games could play a very important part in the Lady Hornets playoff picture.

On Sunday the Lady Hornets took on Atlantic Union College. The Hornets vitally needed to gain some conference wins and they had opportunity in this game. The game started off slowly with the first score of the game coming a couple of minutes into the game. At half-time the Hornets lead by the score of 28-22 and they knew that they had to pick up the pace to win the game. They did indeed pick up the pace by scoring 41

points in the second half to win the game by a final tally of 69-46. The Hornets' scoring was paced by Becca Newman who had 22, Tara Bartlett with 17 and Jamie Eaton with 13. In this game the inside force of Jamie Eaton and Becca Newman was too much for the Flames as the two combined for 23 rebounds.

In Saturday's matinee the Lady Hornets came out of the gates fast against Notre Dame College to gain a 30-19 lead at half-time. In the second half the Saints fought back to tie the score with only a few minutes remaining. Freshman Jen Garcia was determined not to let the Saints win the game as she hit 4 of 6 three pointers and scored 20 points to seal the victory for the Lady Hornets. Others contributing to the victory were Jamie Eaton with 15 pts., 12 rbs., and 6 blocked shots, Sabrina Mathews also chipped in with 11 points.

Kingsbury scores another Lyndon State College basketball milestone

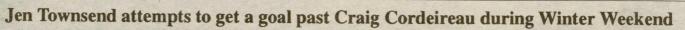
Jamie Kingsbury can add another ball to his already overflowing mantel piece at home as he scored his 1000 pt in a game on Jan. 13 against Norwich. When I asked Jamie how he felt about scoring his thousandth point he replied, "I was kind of relieved to have it over so I could get back to playing." Kingsbury went on to say, "Coach told me that I needed 18 points to get 1000, I just went out and played and let whatever happens happen."

Kingsbury's already long resume includes being named as the Gatorade Player of the year for Vermont in his senior year of high school. Also in his senior year he was named player of the year for Vermont by USA Today and the Burlington Free Press. Jamie was a

dominating player in high school and he hasn't slowed down in col-

in this his final season at L.S.C. Kingsbury said that his overall goal lege averaging nearly 20 pts. a game for the rest of his senior year is to

help the team have a good shot at the Mayflower Championship.





Some dudes grab maximal big air in contest held at Burke Mountain





Burke Mountain held its Boarderfest the weekend of the 1st, with the snowboarding festivities culminating in a big air contest on Saturday, January 31st.

Fifty competitors got two shots each at throwing themselves over a

big gap to win the judges approval based on air and style. Seth Learned pulled off a 540 and then a huge 720 to take home the first place trophy in the age 15 and up division. Derek Valeurs got second place, sticking a 360 and a 540.

Third place went to Jason McMichael, who had a nice stalled out 360 in the first round, and a clean 360 grab in the second.

During the second round, a skier ducked the rope, raced down the jump, and landed a clean backflip to the cheers of the crowd. It was the best jump of the day, and he wasn't even in the competition.

In the under 15 category, Ben Rubenfield took the title, with Matt Saladino and Eric Stunkel getting second and third place respectively.

Spring intramurals are underway and teams vie for first place

Intramurals for the Spring semester are underway, with action in men's and women's basketball and street hockey.

In women's street hockey, the Bumblers, led by Jen Craft with 15 goals, have started strongly going 3 and 0. The other teams have their work cut out for them to try to catch up.

The race for first place in the women's basketball league is a dead heat. With two wins a piece, all three teams have a shot at the title.

In men's street hockey, Shorthanded and the Hanson Brothers are tied for first place with three wins and no losses. The Paragons of Virtue and Puck-Ups are in a close second, each with 2 and 1 records.

The "A" league of men's basketball is tight as well. The P.T.P.ers and Us are both 5 and 1. The other three teams are not far behind.

Fuji Cox 9 5/7 are undefeated in the "B" league after six games. The Spice Girls at 5 and 1, and The Mac Daddies at 4 and 1 are right in the hunt.

Intramurals

Men's Street Hockey Standings

Hanson Brothers (3-0) Shorthanded (3-0) Paragons of Virtue (2-1) Puck-Ups (2-1) KOA (1-1) Le'Fuhrburger (1-3) RSG (0-3) Spice Girls (0-3)

Men's Goal Scoring Leaders

Andrew Dailey 12
Rob Touzet 12
Chris Ziner 10
Jay Lachance 9
Vinnie Maloney 8
Lenny Noel 8
Mike Weems 7
Jon Davis 5
Gabe Somma 5
Andy Toth 5
Ben Wills 5

Women's Street Hockey Standings

Bumblers (3-0)
Bab's (1-1)
Lady Motivators (1-1)
Scrappy B's (1-1)
Sweedish Fish (0-3)

Women's Goal Scoring Leaders

Jen Craft 15
Katherine Waples 9
Matina Tricoulis 6
Melissa Hall 5
Patty Jean 5
Chori Braley 4
Jamie Mayo 4
Jodi Raymond 4
5 tied at 3 goals

Men's A League Standings

The P.T.P.er's (5-1) Us (5-1) Team Dailey (3-2) Burke Boozebags (2-4) Provolone Cheese XII (2-5)

Women's Basketball Standings

Wild Ones (2-1) Right Full of It (2-2) Rejected (2-3)

Women's Point Scoring Leaders

Catherine Paul 55
Jodi Raymond 54
Heidi Fortin 36
Melissa Hall 35
Heather Root 34
Jen Craft 33
Mimi Keenan 33
Kady Bodge 32
Chori Braley 29
Tammi Cady 29

A League Point Scoring Leaders

Eric Bogie 113
Derek Cunningham 84
J. J. McLeod 81
Brian Lalime 73
Vinnie Maloney 71
Cam North 67
Jon Leary 58
Jay Lemont 58
Tim Ulrich 54
Kevin Lyons 52

Men's B League Standings

Fuji Cox 9 5/7 (6-0)
Spice Girls (5-1)
Mac Daddies (4-1)
??? (Team Burke) (4-2)
Naads II (3-2)
Eastside Connection (3-3)
Springfield Elementary (3-4)
Out of Work Stars (2-4)
Trojans (2-4)
Studs VI (1-4)
Cleveland Steamers (1-5)
Baked Potatoes (0-3)
Doug-Less (0-5)

B League Point Scoring Leaders

Mike Hewitt 110
James Hicks 106
Brian Kane 104
Sean Bower 100
Doug Kennedy 99
Mike Dutter 97
Gary Calkins 89
Travis Taylor 89
Ben Wills 85
Mike Cantin 79

Buckwheat Zydeco brings home the Cajun

By Peter Emerson

The Lyndonville townfolk had been waiting for his entrance for weeks when a slight flaw left roughly 450 ready-to-dance ticket holders restless and frustrated and also sent Buckwheat Zydeco and the Ils Sont Partis Band packing their purple Silver Eagle tour bus without having played their gig at the Alexander Twilight Theatre. But with some quick rescheduling and a focused community effort from the people at Lyndon Institute, LSC, and the Catamount Center for the Arts Buckwheat came back a week later. A crowd of nearly 400, cabin fevered and stir-crazy, danced hollered, and swung it up at the auditorium of Lyndon Institute on Sunday night.

There were no complaints from those attending as the *Ils Sont Partis Band* got people off their feet and into the aisles during the

first song. Two songs later Buckwheat made his entrance, picked up the accordion and before you could say "Pass the tabasco." the auditorium was as hot and sweaty as a Louisiana swamp. Which is just the way Stanley "Buckwheat" Dural, Jr. likes it.

Since 1979 Buckwheat Zydeco has been touring the United States and by 1980 they were touring Europe. But that was hardly the beginning for Buckwheat. In 1971 he was leading a 15 piece band called Buckwheat and the Hitchhikers (whose rhythm and blues influence can still be heard in Buckwheats music today), and Buckwheat wanted it to stay that way until 1975, when Buckwheat and the Hitchhikers called it quits. Never very interested in zydeco it took a lot of pushing from the King of Zydeco, Clifton Chenier to get Buckwheat to join his band, The Red Hot Louisiana Band. It was 1979 when he finally left Chenier's

band and started touring with a band that he had formed on the side, *The Ils Sont Partis Band* express has been touring the world ever since. And Buckwheat himself has become the biggest convert of zydeco.

But if you think Buckwheat Zydeco is small talk for a select crowd then think back to the 1996 Summer Olympics where 3 billion people worldwide witnessed them play "Jambalaya" during the closing ceremonies. And having opened an entire tour for Eric Clapton doesn't sound like the kind of gig that a musician would consider small talk. Nor does playing or collaborating with artists like Neil Young, the Neville Brothers, Andy Summers, Los Lobos, Robert Plant, and many more.

Buckwheats efforts haven't gone unnoticed by the performing arts community either. He's been nominated for four Grammy awards and has played festivals all

around the world (including the Ben and Jerry's Festival here in Vermont).

The bands newest albums ("Trouble", a 1997 Mesa/Atlantic release and a 1994 children's record entitled "Choo Choo Boogaloo" narrated by Taj Mahals brother, WinstonWilliams) are a continuation of a recording career encompassing 15 LP's (of which almost all the songs are arranged by Stanley himself!). And when you see Buckwheat and his band live you never know what he's going to play, since the band has a repertoire of between two and three hundred songs!

And as Stanley "Buck-wheat" Dural, Jr. was found of telling the crowd all night...Buckwheat, you look good!

Future concerts presented by Catamount Center for the Arts are free to Lyndon State students and include: Pianist Michaela Harel (March 14), and The David Grisman Quintet (March 29).

Unformatted shows on Impulse bring variety By Peter Emerson

Seventeen unformatted shows are currently airing on LSC's radio station, WWLR 91.5 FM. Ranging from Hip-Hop, Metal, Hardcore, and Classic Rock to Ska, Jazz, Folk&World, and R&B. The shows are organized, and announced by LSC students. Many new Music Director positions have been created in the past few years and the variety of music within the unformatted shows is expaning daily. Music labels and promotional companies with CD's, posters, tickets, and stickers for all bands good, bad, and ornery.

Currently, there are CD and concert give-aways on Mega! Kung-Fu Radio, the Sunday morning Fat Pillow Jazz, and In the Lungs of Hell shows.

All DJ's feature listener feedback as a large component of their shows and encourage you to call the WWLR request line at 626-8633 (on campus X6283).

See this space for interviews with DJ's, show descriptions, and information about promos.

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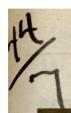
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6	CLUMSY	OUR LADY PEACE
7	EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE	EVERCLEAR
8	GIVEN TO FLY	PEARL JAM
9	HOW'S IT GOING TO BE	THIRD EYE BLIND
10	LUCKY	SEVEN MARY THREE
11	MOUTH	BUSH
12	MY OWN PRISON	CREED
13	ON AND ON	LONGPIGS
14	ON MY OWN	PEACH UNION
15	ONE ANGEL	STIR
16	RATTLESNAKE	LIVE
17	ROYAL OIL	MIGHTY MIGHTY BOSSTONES
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First two candidates for President to visit campus

Two finalist candidates for the new LSC president are going to visit the campus on March 24, 25 and 26, according to Chancellor Charles Bunting,

Both candidates are coming

from larger, metropolitan campusus. Dr. Carol Moore is the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Mercy College in Hobbs Ferry, NY. Although founded by the Sisters of Mercy, Mercy College is now independent. According to their Web Michael page, they offer pre-professional programs to students primarily from the New York metro area. The college makes special mention of their distance learning activities.

The second candidate, Dr. College in

Rao is President of Mission Community Santa Clara, Califor-

nia. The



Mike Rao

Instructor of popular Geology courses, Bud Ebbett, to retire

By Bill Graves

A familiar face around the campus of LSC has announced his retirement at the end of this semster. For four decades, except a short leave of absence in the '60's, Bud Ebbett has devoted most of his time teaching geology, one of the more popular electives among LSC students; but now the time has come to move on.

One would think that rest and relaxation would take priority for a man who has concentrated on his job for so long, but Ebbett has a number

of activities to keep himself busy. Among other things, he intends to spend a lot of time visting his three sons in Pennsylvania, Oregon, and Montana.

Although his days of teaching will soon be behind him, he is not prepared to give up the study of geology. Ebbett stated, "I will continue to work with rocks and sediments that are found in th evalleys of this area." The notion of writing a research book or popular account of his studies is another possibility in work and the best wishes towards the the future.

Many things have changed at LSC throughout Ebbett's extensive tenure, from the construction of buildings to the variety of classes. "It used to be a teacher trainee institution with a few liberal atrs classes, but now it is quite different." Today, LSC offers twenty-two majors in fifteen fields of study.

Ebbett will be missed throughout the school. He will leave LSC as an instructor and as a friend, with the appreciation of the years of future from the students and faculty.

college is in the heart of the Silicon Valley. It is an open-admissions institution which, according to their web page is "responsive to the unique cultural and demographic diversity of a changing community."

Bunting said the resumes of the two candidates and the interview schedules will be available this week. Both candidates are scheduled to hold open meetings with students, staff and faculty.

Bunting said the search committee has finished interviewing five semi-finalists out of 155 applications.

Lyndon State seeks Director new

By David Moses

A search committee began reviewing applications this week for a new head of security at Lyndon State. George Brierley, former Director of Security, retired January 1st leaving the position open after ten years of

Brierley began working for LSC in 1988 after serving several years as Police Chief for the town of Hardwick. Prior to this he served as Chief Deputy of Caledonia county.

LSC has posted a position announcement for the \$20,000 to \$43,000 a year job and will continue accepting until it's filled. A Director of Security at LSC oversees the dayto-day 24-hour security operations, supervises the security and clerical staff of the department, oversees the investigation and follow-up of inciworks with both the Vermont Occu- gency situations as well as good pational Safety and Health Administration and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and supervises the college switchboard operations.

Security department staff includes 2 full time officers, 10 student security officers, 5 switchboard operators and 5 full-in personnel.

Applicants must have either a bachelors degree in criminal justice or law enforcement with three to five years experience or an associates degree plus five to seven years of relevant training or experience. The position announcement also calls for a "Broad base of knowledge and skills related to law enforcement and security methods and procedure..."

These include the investigation

dents and accidents, checks housing, of accidents, criminal acts and emer- in 1991. He eventually became the administrative, supervisory and budget management skills. A knowledge of fire prevention and fire fighting methods is also required. "You have to have lots of communication between all departments," said acting Director Charles Lacaillade. "You have to be organized."

> Lacaillade spent 11 years as a fire fighter then enrolled in LSC. He has been involved with LSC security almost from the start beginning as a student security officer. After graduating with a bachelors degree in social sciences in 1992 he began working as a full time security officer. Lacaillade also attended REV Security Training in 1990 and the Tri-State Security Officers Academy

of Security

night supervisor at LSC. When Brierley retired in January Lacaillade assumed the role of acting Director of Security. He spends part of his free time as a volunter leader with the Caledonia County 4-H Shotters Club teaching archery and also works as a volunterr in the Northeast Kingdom Skating Club. Lacaillade has offered his application for the position as have others.

The Dean of Administations' office has declined to comment on the number of applications received saying only, "We have a good pool, a varied pool, to choose from." A decision is expected in the near future. Once the search committee reaches a conclusion the chairman will recommend their choice to the Dean who will in turn pass it on to the President who makes the final decision.

Faculty Chair responds to student petition concerning new GPA policy

At its February meeting, the Faculty Assembly asked me to respond to the petition submitted by a number of students to the Academic Dean, December 19, 1997 concerning the new policy that changes the way grades are calculated for grade point averages.

First, I would like to apologize for the lack of communication around this issue. Because of this there seems to be some misunderstanding concerning the effect of this new policy and for this I am sorry.

Second, I would like to provide some history and background concerning the issue. In 1996, the First year Experience Task Force, made up of faculty, staff, and students, recommended the following:

"The Task Forces strongly encourages a change in the way GPAs are calculated at the college. We urge numerical counting of plus and minus grades in computation of the GPA. We calculated according to the old system. think it is important to reward the extra accomplishment represented by the 'plus' grade and to have students face the consequences o f the work involved in a 'minus' grade.

For these reasons the Academic Policy Committee (a committee of the LSC Faculty Assembly) was asked by the Assembly in October of 1996 to study methods of calculating grade point averages. In December, 1996, and the Academic Policy Committee reported back to the Assembly the results of their study of the matter. After much discussion, the Assembly gave final approval to changing the grading system in May, 1997. They recommended to the Administration a system of quality points equal to that used at the other VSC institutions (A+ and A=4.0, A=3.7, B+=3.3, B=3.0, B=2.7, etc.) and that it be implemented beginning in September1997 are

Concerning the issue of the timing of the implementation of the new policy, it is generally understood by the Faculty and the Academic Administration that while the catalog a student enters LSC "under" is accepted as general guidelines for the student's program, it is not a contract and at times it is necessary to implement academic policy immediately. In this case, the Faculty Assembly felt strongly enough about the need to implement this new policy in a timely manner and thus recommended a September 1997 starting date.

Hopefully this letter will help to clarify this matter.

Sincerely,

Barry Hertz

Chair of the Faculty Assembly

'We can not change the inevitable, we can only change our attitude. .

I would like to thank the wonderful students at LSC for all of the support, well wishes, concern and prayer shown to our family at the time of our loss. This has been a most difficult time for all of us, and you have really made a difference. Just the fact of seeing someone give a smile, a handshake, or a kind word is really consoling. Without Faith, Family, and Friends, this would be unbearable.

In closing, I would like to give You something that can be very helpful in daily life, if we apply it. This is a quote from Charles Swindoll and is entitled "Attitude."

"The longer I live, the more I realize the inpact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than education, than money, than circumstances, than faliures, than successes, than what other peole think say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past..we connot change the fact that people will act in a certain

way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the string we have, and that is our attitude.....

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it.

And, so it is with you..we are in charge of our attitudes."

Thank you all so very much, and God Bless you.

Harry Swett, Mailroom Supervisor

'I should have lied, I should have never admitted I was drinking.

I am writing this letter to share my recent experiences with Res. Life over the past 6 weeks. On the last Friday of January, I had two of my friends over. We wanted to kick back and just relax. They brought over a four pack of wine coolers while I had some wine that I brought up from home. The night consisted of basically listening to music and playing some cards. I decided that that we needed some more friends over, so I invited a few other friends up to visit. By 11:00 p.m. or so, there was six of us in the room. The night was pretty boring, and one of us remembered a game we used to play when we were younger called "Suck and Blow." For those unfamiliar with the game, it it similar to a game where you get in a lime and put an orange under your neck and passing it along. In this game, one would take a license and suck it and pass it to the next person by having them suck it off your lips.

We played this game for about a half hour or so, having a great time, realizing most of us were into our 20's and enjoying such as childish game. At around 11:30, I called another friend and told her what we were doing and she said she hadn't played the game in years and just had to be there to play. She also brought over a few friends with her. In all, there were 12 people in my room which, yes, is two people over the limit allowed in a dorm room. I managed to find a room for everyone to sit in a circle and we went on about our game. At 12:15 a.m., we had a knock on the door, which I answered and it was one of the RA's for the building along with the Head Resident for Whitelaw/Crev. They asked for everyone's ID and that we all step out of the room. After counting

we were two people over the limit, my RA asked that I remove all the alcohol from the room. I immediately explained that I was the only one under age in the room who was drinking and went into the room to get the alcohol. When returning with the three empty wine cooler bottles and wine bottle, I asked my RA how she knew we had alcohol in the room. She replied something similar to "I heard you guys yelling "suck it" and I figured you were doing shots or tequila and were sucking the lemon." I explained that couldn't have been farther from the truth that we were only playing the game, and "suck it" meant suck the license we were passing. My RA said that the only reason she was up there was to tell us to quiet down, but after hearing "suck it", she thought there was trouble and busted us. Everyone was sent home and I went to bed.

A few days later, we were all notified in the mail of the consequences of our actions. There were all different kinds of punishment, which varied by Head Resident(those living in Arnold/ Bayley got one punishment, those in Whitelaw/ Crev got another and others weren't punished at all, all of which depended on the Head Resident of the respective dorms.) I was pretty upset after finding out the varying degree of punishment. One person at the party had a previous alcohol violation, my party being her second, and was put on probation until May of '98. I on the other hand, was put on probation until the end of December '98. Ihad NEVER had an alcohol violation except for a fire violation (candle) in Jan of '97. I thought this punishment was very unfair... I never had any kind of warning and to be put on probation right

through the first half of the next school year seemed a little harsh to me. I decided my best bet was to talk to Trish Turner-Seadale to see if there was some kind of mistake. I thought for sure that something was wrong. I was told that I was the host of the room and thereby provided a good atmosphere for people to get very drunk. I explained that it was darn near impossible for 12

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While surfing the Web one day. .Kelley Hersey joins CAS faculty

By Rachel Esancy

For no particular reason, Kelly Hersey was browsing the AdWeek web site when she saw something that caught her eye. A college by the name of Lyndon State was looking for an assistant professor of graphic design. Hersey sent in an application, went through the process, and has now joined LSC's Communication Arts and Sciences department.

During her interview at LSC, Hersey met with several design students. "My decision to come here was ninety percent because of the students." Hersey said. She was impressed with their positive and excited attitude. The administration also impressed Hersey. She said "Lyndon feels like a very supportive place for employees."

Hersey left Cambridge, Mass to accept her first full time teaching position. She worked previously as an adjunct faculty member in both the art and continuing education programs at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Hersey was also the principal designer and founder of Focus Design, a small studio specializing in publishing, corporate and financial. It is Hersey's wide variety of experience that interested LSC, including her involvement with the Payne Project. Hersey and seventeen other artists bought and restored an

industrial building. The building now hosts an artist's community with apartments and both private and joint studios.

Hersey has many plans for the design program at LSC. Currently she is teaching a course she

introduced called The Artist Book. link in the communications major. Students in this class work with the idea of conceptualizing to create a book of their choice. Next semester she is excited to start teaching typography and a new Internet and television graphics class that will create a

Even though Hersey has only been here a short period of time she has blended quickly with the community. "After spending some of my winter break in Cambridge, I felt like I was coming home,"Hersey said.



Kelley Hersey

undergoing VSC trustees College review by

By Justin Bellows

Lyndon State College is undergoing a review process by the Board of Trustees. The two part process consists of an internal self evaluation and a review by a committee from the Board. VSC Policy 101 entitled "Review an Approval of Existing Academic Programs" is a system wide study of the VSC academic and degree programs. Vermont State Colleges are reviewed on a 5 year schedule determined by the Chancellor. The process is designed to strengthen academic planning, to evaluate and review existing programs and majors and to provide ieducational services as a system in order to make maximum use of available resources.

To implement this the Board of Trustees has developed 7 standards for the college to judge its academic programs. Policy 101 states these qualifications:

1. The college has a clear mission which is used to make program decisions. 2. The college consistently works to improve effectiveness and efficiency in carrying out the mission. LSC's mission statement is stated at the beginning of the course catalog. The concepts of the mission statement are presented in the widest terms, whatis important is the way in which the college assesses its progress towards the goals. These evaluations were conducted by each department as part of the self review process in Policy 101. 3. These three standards outline the basics of the standards for graduation and degree completion. Lyndon State's degree programs and graduation policies are detailed in the course catalog.6. Each program meets important needs. A program responds to factors such as the educational needs of it's students, the future demands of the workplace needs. 7. Each program is of high quality. Indicators of this quality include program requirements that reflect knowledge and developments in the field, qualified faculty who engage students in pursuing these requirements, student outcomes which demonstrate the program's effectiveness, and information which describes the responsible use of resources in achieving program purpose.

LSC has almost completed the self evaluation part of the review. A committee of 7 faculty members have been compiling information since September. Each department was approached and asked for a statement on its academic goals and objectives. They were also asked to explain what they were doing to accomplish those goals. The committee was interested in the assessment strategies used to determine their

and society, and regional and state success. The final draft of the self evaluation will be submitted to the Board of Trustees in early April. During its 2 day visit the Board com-

mittee will pay particular attention to the concerns raised in the self review. The self review revealed the need for more efficient assessment strategies within departments. The departments need to know what students are learning and if it is applicable in the workplace. The Board will be looking for ways to improve and expand computers and technology on campus. The self review wants more specific long term planning for accomplishing the objectives of the academic program.

This process is important to both LSC and the VSC system. Policy 101 is a way of ensuring standards of education and accountability. The self evaluation and the recommendations of the Board committee will be used in the overall improvement of the academic programs.

Student Handbook is where to go for most

By: Stacy Patterson

The student handbook is given to all students who live on campus at Lyndon Sate College. Inside there is a calender of the school year and the rules and regulations pertaining to the school. Recently, There have been some concerns about the unclearness of some rules and regulations.

Questions started being raised after an incident occurred on campus

last semester. During a fire alarm, Resident Assistants keyed into a room to make sure no one was in there. While in the process of their search, they discovered an illegal substance. The students were thrown off campus because of this incident, but brought the college to court. The judge threw the case out because the court ruled it was an illegal search. It was deemed an illegal search because the RA's entered the room with just the intent of the students safety. They did not enter

the room because they suspected illegal substances. They entered the room for another purpose, and the court ruled it as an illegal search.

In the section on Room Entry /Search Procedures, it states that "Each statement of permission to enter shall clearly set forth the purpose and objective of the search, by whom it is to be conducted and specify the room(s) to be entered." This is why the case was thrown out, because the RA's went in the room for the students safety, not

legal answers

for paraphernalia. There is no regulation in the handbook about RA's searching your room during a fire

The handbook goes into great detail about many policies the college has, but it does not state how much a person would be fined for each violation. The handbook has every other fine listed but not any alcohol fines. The college also does not explain in detail what some of the infractions mean, such as D3, B18, and B6.

Metal/Alternative Society band Another comes to

By Matt Rychlik

The Impulse 91.5, along with the Shady Lady, Simple Joys coffeehouse, and Trout River Brewing are proud to present Another Society along with special guest Method 51. Another Society is one of rock's best up and coming acts, getting major radio airplay on Boston's WAAF, Memphis' WMFS, and Maine's WTOS just to name a few. These Southern rockers have put out two albums, 1996's One Last Step and 1997's Blood Wrong. They have toured with the likes of Testament, Faith No More, Biohazard, Corrosion Of Conformity, and Handsome.

The band features Brad

Grubbs on bass, Jason Huckaby on guitars, Daryl Stephens on drums, and Luke John on vocals and guitars. The band describes their style of music as "chunk rock", a reference to its density. Others have described them as being rooted in classic rock, with the ability to play tight, intense rock and roll.

Another Society has quickly

become a popular act among the unformatted metal and hardcore shows. In addition, the daytime alternative rock format has added the song "Little Gypsy" into its rotation. The show takes place at Lyndon State College on Wednesday, March 25th. Tickets will be sold at the door. Doors open at 7 P.M. For directions or information, call the Impulse offices at (802) 626-5881.

Concert at Fuller Hall in St. J March 29

Quintet lights up the NEK with smokin' bluegrass David Grisman

By Peter Emmerson

The greatly anticipated arrival of David Grisman and his Quintet has the Northeast Kingdom feverishly holding their prized tickets. Or sardonically hassling the friends feverishly holding their tickets. It is doubtful that this popularity is what Grisman and company had in mind when they began playing as a group in 1976. It was there that Grismans talent as a music writer and musician began to form into what has eventually become one of the most influential and innovative bluegrass bands ever. And the deeper beauty was the bands ability to combine so many different styles of music into such a well respected band, expanding both creatively and becoming more technically adept.

On March 29th the Grisman express will hit the stage at Fuller Hall in St. Johnsbury at 7:00 p.m. and prove that their praise was well earned and rightly bestowed.

Grisman has been praised by and played with some of the best in the business; including the late Stephane Grappelli and Jerry Garcia as well as James Taylor and Linda Rondstadt. It was with these grassroots musicians that he was able to influence pop culture while staying true to his own creation. He has since spawned dozens of immitators and has helped a genre once considered "hillbilly" or "too country" into a successful combination of art and entertainment.

Currently, the Quintet are touring with a new album to promote, put out by Grisman's own Acoustic Disc recordings. Titled DGQ-20 it's a 20th anniversary album of the quintet and its variety of members. Former members have included guitarist Tony Rice, Grammy winner Mark O'Connor, and violinist Darol Anger of the Turtle Island String Quartet. The latest members are Jim Kerwin (bass), Matt Eakle (flute), Joe Craven (percussion and violin), and Enrique Coria, a groundbreaking Argentinian guitarist who has helped Grisman with the DGQ's experiments into South American folk, Latin American folk, and European classical and jazz guitar. But it is Grisman and his mandolin that create the spiritual and religious moods of Jewish klezmer

and the Gypsy music while mingling with the pop and folk of Latin and American folk.

The mandolin is no longer the one-dimensional Bluegrass instrument once played by Bill Monroe, the innovative "father of bluegrass" who Grisman styled himself after. Grismans mandolin, like the banjo and traditional instruments worldwide experiencing a revitalized appreciation, has become an awakening of tradition and the similarities our musical backgrounds have in common. Be it klezmer, african, native american, folk, or a host of others, Grisman is teaching us to listen to what it has to offer before tacking a warning label

Regional Concert Listings

BURLINGTON, VT

Mar Artist

Venue

16 **Amazing Royal Crown**

Club Toast

16 The Cramps

Club Toast

17 Solas

Flynn Theatre

23 Aware Tour with:

Club Toast

Thanks To Gravity Gibb Droll Band

Nineteen Wheels

Peking Opera 24 Flynn Theatre

25 Peking Opera

Flynn Theatre

Bim Skala Bim

Club Toast

Stella Chiweshe

Flynn Theatre

Susana Baca

Tish Hinojosa

29 Greyboy Allstars

Club Toast

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28

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MONTREAL, CANADA

Mar Artist

Venue

13 Ben Harper Metropolis

Days Of The New Cabaret Music Hall

18 No Use For A Name

Le Spectrum

20 The Damned

Foufounes Electriques Puff Daddy And Family:

Molson Centre

Busta Rhymes Dru Hill

L.O.X.

Lil' Kim

Mase

Mya

31 Jughead's Revenge Le Medley

BOSTON, MA *(including nearby cities and towns)

Mar Artist

Venue

13 Cherish The Ladies

Regis College (1)

13 The Chieftains

Symphony Hall

13 Jen Trynin

Paradise Rock Club

13 Sonny Rollins Sanders Theatre (2)

Portishead

Palladium (3)

Unwound

Middle East Club (2)

15 Belizbeha

14

House Of Blues (2)

March 13 to March 31

15 Saw Doctors

Paradise Rock Club

16 Blanks 77

Middle East Club (2)

18 Coco Montova

House Of Blues (2)

18 G. Love and Special Sauce Orpheum Theatre

.19 NY Ska Jazz Ensemble

Clark University (3) 20 C.J. Chenier & The Red

Hot... Johny D's (4)

Rocket From The Crypt 20

Middle East Club (2)

Roomful Of Blues

Regattabar (2)

21 The Damned

Middle East Club (2) 21

Matchbox 20

Orpheum Theatre

Misfits

Palladium (3)

21 Victoria Williams

Berklee Perform. Ctr.

22 Derek Trucks & Joe Satriani Paradise Rock Club

23 Joan Baez

Sanders Theatre (2)

24 Puff Daddy (see Mont.)

Fleetcenter

25 Aware Tour (see Burl.)

Paradise Rock Club

25 Young Dubliners House Of Blues (2)

26 Greyboy Allstars Mama Kin 27 Monster Mike Welch

Harpers Ferry

27 Peking Opera

Sanders Theatre (2) 27 They Might Be Giants

Avalon

28 Cheryl Wheeler

Sanders Theatre (2)

28 Matt "Guitar" Murphy

Jillian's (3)

30

Axis

30 Mark Eitzel

Curve

Middle East Club (2)

(1)Weston, MA (2)Cambridge (3)Worcester

(4)Somerville

Mega!! Kung Fu Radio Top 10 Thursday March 5, 1998

Rank	Artist	Album	Label
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Limp Bizkit Deftones Another Society Pantera Tool Korn White Zombie Marilyn Manson Sam Black Church Kilgore Smudge	Three Dollar Bill Y'all \$ Around The Fur Blood Wrong Official Live: 101 Proof Aenima Life Is Ready Astro Creep 2000 Antichrist Superstar That Which Does Not Kill U Blue Collar Solitude	Flip Maverick PC Music Eastwest Zoo Epic Geffen Nothing sUntangled Revolution

World Blender Top 10 Saturday March 7, 1998

Rank	Artist	Album	Label
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Skatalites Various Artists Milton Nascimento Gipsy Kings Hepcat Various Artists Yulara Bueno Vista Social C Strunz and Farah Ruben Gonzalez	Right On Time Boston College Irish Studies Cosmic Tree	Higher

Mega Kung Fu is neither soup, nor self-defense, then again it could be both

By Matt Rychlik

The Impulse 91.5 is home to a lot of the diverse music one would find in modern day college radio. One of the shows in this group that stays away from the station's alternative rock format is Thursday night's "Mega!! Kung Fu Radio.

The show, featuring veteran deejays Brent MacAloney and Matt Rychlik, showcases the overlooked and underappreciated genres of heavy metal and hardcore. The show features bands who helped create the

genres, todays metal giants, todays best new metal, todays best in hardcore, and the best New England bands.

Some of the shows features include: "The Website of the Week", Mega!! Kung Fu Radio concert updates, the shows own interns, and the unique sense of humor that both deejays seem to share. The members of the Kung Fu crew go to many concerts, bringing back autographed CD's and other memorabilia that are given away to the shows legion of dedicated fans. Both show hosts

have had the pleasure of meeting some of the bands they play, getting musicians to record interviews and liners for the show. The duo even have their own website at:

members.tripod.com/~megakungfu/

The work both deejays put into the show doesn't stop there. Both show hosts spend hours previewing CD's for the show, preparing giveaways, and producing bits, promos, and other show essentials.

The Kung Fu deejays plan to use their website to the fullest by interacting with its visitors through

their dating page, on-line CD giveaways, on-line song requests, and the opportunity for feedback about the show. MacAloney and Rychlik have found success in the Northeast Kingdom and beyond with their show. From Vermont to New Hampshire, their show is listened to religiously by their fans, friends, and those who just listen to see what the show's hosts will say next.

The goal of the show is to play music the deejays like and to simply have fun. It seems like the guys from Mega!! Kung Fu Radio are doing that and more.

A World Of Difference

By Pete Emerson

The opportunity to spin music that I had only recently become acquainted with was making me a little nervous. It is also the motivational factor that wakes me at 5:00 in the morning Saturdays (or the factor that keeps me awake until 5:00) to air my "World Blender" world music show from 6:00 to 9:00 am.

The term "world" is exactly what encouraged me to ask the officers at WWLR to allow an unformatted show on Saturday mornings (not surprisingly the only time slot left unwanted and available). Since it was a music genre that had never had its own show at WWLR, I had to start playing my own music, or music the station was sent that didn't fit into the format on other formatted/unformatted shows. Most of the music played on the World Blender came from the Jazz library (which has a scheduled time slot on Sunday mornings from 6:00 to 9:00 am and is also hosted by myself).

World Blender is able to play a wide variety of music that is familiar and available worldwide but aired rarely on radio stations. The beauty of college radio is its ability to play a show that would otherwise be lost in the clutter of commercial radio.

Some of the current music genres played on the World Blender include Gaelic (Clannad, etc) and Celtic (Chieftains/Cherish the Ladies), African (Ladysmith Black Mambazo) and African Drum (Leon Parker), Reggae (Peter Tosh), 1960's "First Wave" (Skatalites) and Traditional Ska (Skavoovie and the Epitones), American Grassroots (Strangefolk, Grisman) and Folk (Woody Guthrie), Jazz Guitar (Charlie Hunter/Strunz and Farah), Latino (Gipsy Kings), and Cuban (Buena Vista Social Club).

In addition to these classifications the Blender is also playing music that is so unique, new, or intertwined that it has no label. Those are what continue to make the show entertaining and educational.

The emphasis is on the uniqueness, the goal is to bring new music to the station, and it's the effort to intertwine the many aspects of world music that will continue to attract interest on the World Blender.

91.5 WWLR "Impulse Top 25"

Artist Name	Song Title	# of Plays
Letters To Cleo	Anchor	16
Ben Folds Five	Brick	16
Cornershop	Brimful of Asha	16
Our Lady Peace	Clumsy	16
Pearl Jam	Given To Fly	16
Third Eye Blind	How's It Going To Be	16
Everclear	I Will Buy You A New Life	16
		16
Seven Mary Three Bush	Lucky Mouth	16
		16
Foo Fighters	My Hero	
Creed	My Own Prison	16
Peach Union	On My Own	16
Live	Rattlesnake	16
Mighty Mighty Bosstones	Royal Oil	16
Marcy Playground	Sex and Candy	16
Days Of The New	Shelf In The Room	16
Jane's Addiction	So What	16
Stir	Stale	16
Chris Cornell	Sunshower	16
Metallica	The Unforgiven II	16
Meredith Brooks	What Would Happen	16
Longpigs	On And On	15
The Verve	Bittersweet Symphony	14
Jerry Cantrell	Cut You In	13
Matchbox 20	3 AM	10

Blood...Sweat...and...Cheers: Johnson stomps Lyndon, Hornets rule Castleton

By: Adam Kossayda

For the past 15 years area rugby teams have braved the cold, snow, and ice and battled to win the Snowbowl Tournament on the frozen tundra we all know as the Lyndon State College Rugby field. On Saturday, March 7, Johnson State and Castleton State's "A" and "B" teams joined the annual tournament.

The action began with Lyndon vs. Castleton State's "B" team. The match was an extrodinary fight

from start to finish. The match remained scoreless until Lyndon's Chris McNamara broke into the tryzone and touched for the only score of the game with just two minutes to play in the final half. Lyndon managed to hold off the fighting whistle and captured their first win of the season 5-0.

Castleton State's "A" team faced off against Johnson after the Lyndon victory. Johnson scored quickly to establish an early lead that they gave up, and despite Castleton's

tough play Johnson advanced to play in the final match against Lyn-

Right from the kick-off the action was intense. Lyndon fought hard but again Johnson gained an early lead. At the end of the first half things looked bleek for Lyndon, as Johnson was up 20-0.

But Lyndon didn't give up and held Johnson to a single score while managing to score a try of their own. The final match ended with Johnson State College winning the tournament by a score of 25-5.

On the whole the 15th Annual Snowbowl Tournament was a huge success. This is one of the few opportunities ruggers have to play the game they love in the off-season, but cabin fever strikes us all, and with that in mind Lyndon is hosting Castleton State College again in another snowy off-season match up on Saturday, March 21.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and cheer on your Lyndon Rugby team.





Left: Brian Campbell, LSC co-captain after his team's loss to Johnson. Right: LSC and Johnson square off for a scrum

Horoscopes By Minerva Galaxie

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)- Yay! Everything's great! If you got it, flaunt it, and boy do you ever got it, baby! The luck of the Irish is with ye. Aye....

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)- Is that a third eye in the middle of your forehead? Or do you try to see things that aren't really there? Try trusting people. That's why they're your friends after all.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)- Isn't chocolate yummy? Have some. Now the bad news. You will come down with a terrible cold. Drink some OJ. Get some sleep. Wear some green.

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)- You've

been sitting on the edge of your seat you noticed how you are turning into waiting for something exciting to happen. But don't jump on the first thing to come along. Don't assume anything!

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)- You love to go exploring for new people and new clothes. I recommend hugging a person wearing a velvet shirt. It will feel so nice.

be discouraged by people calling you a nerd for working so hard all the time. In a few years you'll be so rich you can buy better friends!

your mother? Don't worry, it's not as bad as it sounds. Besides, saggy arms are fun to play with.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)- You have a great mind and imagination, which is good for cyber-sex, but bad for your grades. Get back to work!

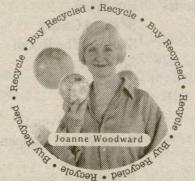
Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)- You do a good job whenever you tackle a group Gemini (May 21 - June 20)- Don't . project. But don't be afraid to take credit for your hard work. Door mats are not respected. Go ahead-kick some ass and take down some names!

everybody get together, try to love one another right now. Libra's are the reason the bomb hasn't been dropped. Thank you guys!

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)- Get your noise out of other people's business. You're going to get whacked on the head by various blunt objects and nobody's going to feel sorry for you. On the bright side, love is for you, if you quit your unwanted probing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) So you think you know it all? I hate to say this but even Brainy Smurf would Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)- Come on be annoyed by you. Listen carefully. Cancer (June 21 - July 22)- Have people now, smile on your brother, You might win something off the

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SPORTS

Men's hoop team closes season at 13-14

Intramural News Center

By James Ingalls

The men's basketball team concluded their 1998 campaign with a loss to second ranked Green Mountain College. The loss came in a semi-final match-up of the Mayflower Conference. The Hornets were neck and neck with Green Mountain from the tip off, but in the final minutes couldn't capitalize to grab a finals invitation. At half the score of the game was 40-39 in favor of Green Mountain. The Hornets defense kept them in the game until the final minutes when Green Mountain started to pull away by hitting some key shots down the stretch. With only a minute left to go in the game the Hornets were trailing by a single point. Green Mountain opened the lead to four with a key three pointer. The Hornets were forced to foul. Green Mountain was almost perfect from the line hitting four out of six foul shots to push their lead to eight. A final second lay up by Jim Nelson cut the lead to 6, but it was too late for the Hornets as they lost the game by the score of 77-

71. Leading the way for the Hornets were Jim Nelson with 17, Jamie Kingsbury 16 and Matt McCarthy

son with an overall record of 13-14 Hornets to improve on this year's performance next year and make another run at the Mayflower Conference title.

with 10. The Hornets closed the sea-

and a conference record of 7-5. Coach Tim Kelly said, "Thought it was a successful season as far as wins and improvement as a team." This year's Hornets team gained more victories than any other team in coach Kelly's coaching career at L.S.C. Coach Kelly went on to say that this was one of the best teams in a number of years for L.S.C. The Hornets are losing Seniors Jamie Kingsbury, Greg Stanzione, Jeremy Carroll and Darren Austin. These players will be a big loss for the Hornets, but coach Kelly said, "We have a good nucleus of returning players." Look for the

Lady Hornets finish season with overtime loss

By James Ingalls

The lady hornets ended their season Tues. Feb. 24 at Johnson in a first round game of the Mayflower hornets had already faced the Badgers two times in the past week before their tournament match-up. The two teams were fairly evenly matched as they split the season series at one win apiece.

The Badgers had a five point lead with only 50 seconds left to go in the game. The lady hornets decided to turn up the heat on defense and gained some crucial turnovers. Sabrina Mathews had a three point play to draw the lady hornets within two. In the closing seconds Tara Bartlett powered up a put back to tie the game with only 4 seconds remaining on the clock. The Badgers could not score with the remaining 4 seconds and the contest headed into overtime. In the extra session the

lady hornets just could not get in synch as the Badgers gradually pulled Bumblers away for the 74-68 win. Coach Dave Lady Motivators Conference championship. The lady Mellor said, "It's tough to lose a Babs game in overtime. The playoff game Scrappy B's is representative of our season."

> The lady hornets' scoring was lead by Jamie Eaton with 23 points Leading Scorer: Jen Craft (Bumblers) and 10 rebounds. Sabrina Mathews 21 goals had 13 points and 9 assists and Jen Garcia went 4 for 8 from the three point line to add 14 points. Two of the lady hornets were ranked nationally, Jamie Eaton was ranked in rebounding, shooting percentage and scoring. While her teammate Sabrina Mathews was ranked nationally in assists. The lady hornets are not losing anyone to graduation and Coach Mellor said, "The best is yet to come." Look for the lady hornets to make some noise next year in the Mayflower conference.

It claims good people. UNTREATED

By Phil Dudas

The playoffs have begun in Intramural Men's basketball and Men's and Women's street hockey. In the A league Men's basketball tournament, there are three teams left in the winners bracket. The P.T.P.er's will play Provolone Cheese XII to decide who gets to play Team Dailey and try to remain undefeated.

The B league is into the second round of its playoffs with Fuji Cox 9 5/7 and Team Burke in the winners bracket. Fuji Cox 9 5/7 beat Naads II

Men's Street Hockey Seedings

A League Shorthanded Hanson Brothers Paragons of Virtue K.O.A.

B League Puck-Ups R.S.G. Spice Girls Le'Fuhrburger

Leading Scorer: Andrew Dailey (K.O.A.) 16 goals

Women's Street Hockey Seedings

Swedish Fish

Women's Basketball Seedings

Wild Ones Right Full of It

Leading Scorer: Mimi Keenan (Wild Ones) 76 pts.

in a close 57-55 game. Team Burke advanced by beating The Spice Girls 64-50.

The Cleveland Steamers will play Studs VI in the C league winners bracket. The loser of that game will face the Out of Work Stars to see who survives the losers bracket. ****

In the D league, the Baked Potatoes beat Springfield Elementary 49-34 in the first round. The Potatoes will face the Trojans who blew out Doug-less 85-35 to advance.

Men's Basketball Playoff Seedings

A League The P.T.P.er's (8-1) Team Dailey (5-2) Us (6-3) Mac Daddies (7-2) Provolone Cheese XII (3-7) Burke Boozebags (3-6)

Leading Scorer: Mike Dutter (Mac Daddies) 185 pts.

B League Fuji Cox 9 5/7 (6-3) ??? (Team Burke) (6-2) Spice Girls (8-3) Naads II (4-3)

Leading Scorer: Gary Calkins (Spice Girls) 174 pts.

C League Cleveland Steamers (4-5) Studs VI (3-5) Out of Work Stars (3-5) Eastside Connection (4-5)

Leading Scorer: Brian Kane (Cleveland Steamers) 148 pts.

D League Trojans (3-6) Springfield Elementary (3-7) Baked Potatoes (1-5) Doug-less (0-7)

Leading Scorer: Travis Taylor (Trojans) 154 pts.

Three Hornet hoop players honored

By James Ingalls

Jamie Kingsbury and Jamie Eaton were named to the Mayflower All Conference team. Jamie Kingsbury lead the Hornet men to a record of 13-14 while averaging around 18 points a game. Jamie Eaton

lead the lady hornets to a record of 8-14 and was ranked nationally in three categories. The third member of the group honored was Jim Nelson a sophomore forward on the men's team who was named to the All Tourney team for the Mayflower Conference tournament.

LSC's own cartoon needs a name!!

The Critic is asking all you readers out there to help give its brand new cartoon a title! Our cartoon is written and illustrated by LSC graphic design major Dana Gravelle. It is a stretched, twisted, flipped, and distorted view of life at LSC.

Dana is asking for some help in giving his cartoon an identity and would like assistance from the LSC community with ideas. Along with a title, any input, ideas, suggestions or criticism of this cartoon would be helpful.

*Winning title idea will be rewarded.

Thank you for your interest.

- The Critic Staff

*Submit all entries to "Comic Contest", care of the Critic: LSC Box 7951



'I should have lied. .

people to get drunk off four-pack of wine coolers and a left over bottle of wine, but she stood strong. Lyndon obviously takes this very seriously and I respected that. I asked her to step out of her shoes as dean and into the shoes of an average person and answer if she thought the punishment was fair. She explained to me that she consulted with many colleagues from other school and took into consideration that I was a good student, a student leader(I'm a Senator, on various committees, etc.) and because of that, decided against evicting me from campus, therefore making this punishment pretty relaxed in her opinion. All for 3 wine coolers and a bottle of wine they were going to evict me off campus?! Lyndon has been known to have some pretty big parties, but mine, we may have been loud, but I was the only one drinking, no one sick in the halls, no one was endangering themselves or others, etc. which is what you may typically see at "rager." I was appalled to think I may have been asked to leave campus for what I feel was so minor. I appealed the May of '98 an now, I have to do 10 hours of community service, so if people see my sweeping cigarette butts, you'll know why.

The point in writing this letter is this: I should have lied. I should have never admitted

that I was drinking, and if I was asked what "suck it" meant, I would have explained the game and there would have been know way they could prove me wrong because they had no reason to search my room. I should have moved the 4 bottles into my closet, passed no more than 10 ID's out of the room and they could have done nothing about it. But, no I did what I thought was the right thing, the adult thing, and admitted to everything up front, and because of it, I was nearly thrown off campus, all for 3 wine coolers and a bottle of wine. I discussed this with another RA recently and she told me that I should have known better that they "condone closet drinking" and said I should have just kept my mouth shut. I thought that after all the problems with the hand book last year that people in the adminstrative said that they would be more consistent with punishments. It appears to me that if we are still at the whim of the Dean of Student Life, whatever she feels at the time goes. I have to wonder if because there was an RA, numerous orientation leaders severely for giving so many "high profile" people such bad images. I'm sorry, but we are all students, all capable of breaking rules, no matter what we represent. I thought I was doing the right Ryan Pipczynski

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thing by cooperating with everyone...not once..lying..not once trying to cover anything up... and not once loosing my cool. To quote my friend, he said "Ryan, you got dicked over." This is how I feel. I should have never told the truth. I should have lied like most people do every-time and RA knocks on their door. None of this would have ever happened had I done so. My advice to students living in the dorms is this: if you plan on having a party and there is the possibility of getting caught, you may as well get totally plastered, drinking to your hearts content, to make it worth it, or if you have a party similar to mine, and someone comes knocking, deny any wrong doing, and no one will be able to do anything about it.

I have always said from the very beginning that I hate to make waves. I hate to be the one who stirs things up, but obviously I feel very strongly about what happened to me. I'm not saying that telling the truth after the fact excuses the fact that an underage person was caught drinking,, no matter how little alcohol was consumed, they congressmen, etc. that I was punished more could have been a little easier on me. Things could have been a lot worse on the fourth floor of Whitelaw that night.

Correction

A case of mistaken identity was reported to have occurred in the last issue of the Critic. Minerva Galaxie was identified as staff reporter, Liz Habich. This proves to be not true, sorry Liz. Minerva Galaxie wishes to remain in a shroud of mystery.

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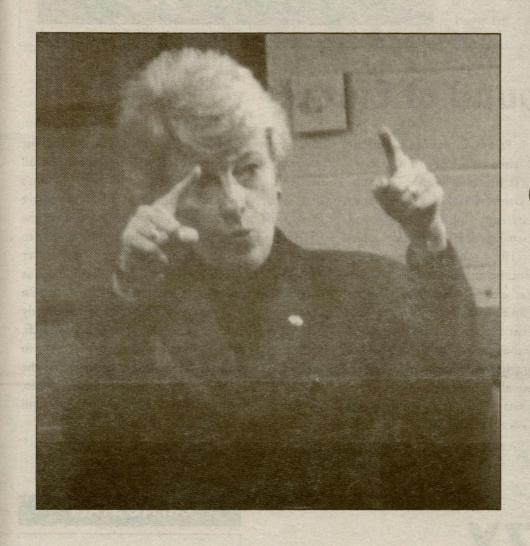




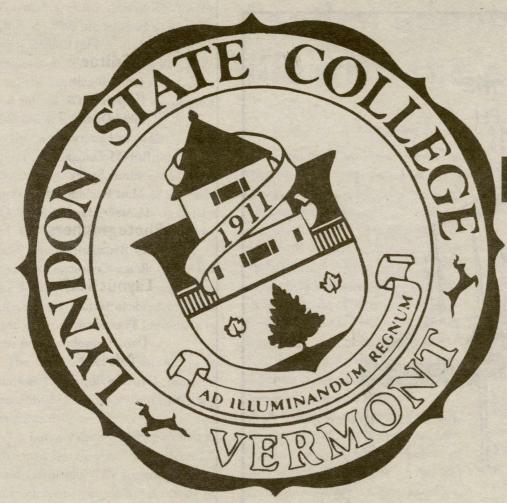
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The LSC Business Club hits the streets of New York City

The Business Club took a trip to New York City over spring break. Eleven students and Rachel Siegel spent three days and two nights visiting the financial district including the Federal Reserve, New York Stock Exchange, and the World Trade Center. In the evenings, some of us visited the Empire State Building, saw a Broadway play, or went on MTV. We had a wonderful time and would like to thank the LSC community for participating in our fund raisers making it possible for us to go.

Pictured from left to right: Kim T. Sharon Delio, Kathy Meddings, Lisa Morella, Chikako Goto, Meg Gregory, Brandon Poginy, Gabe Szczepanik, Beth Reid, Ron Corkins, & Tabithat Tyler Not Pictured: Photographer, Rachel Siegel



The New Sound of Clutch

By: Matt Rychlik

When most people think of heavy metal, they think of screaming vocals mixed in with loud guitars and drums. Not many people think that a metal band is capable of putting together an album of tight, harmonious riffs, combining with melodic vocals to form an uncharacteristic metal album. Clutch, the four piece band from Germantown, MD, has found the perfect rebuttal to all of the genre's critics. Their new CD, The Elephant Riders, focuses on the concept of storytelling and looking to the past for answers, through the eyes of lead singer Neil Fallon. To call Clutch's fourth release a concept album is an injustice. It is a piece of carefully crafted artwork that blends power grooves with Fallon's vocal manipulation to form one of this year's most highly anticipated releases.

The vocal ability that Fallon displays to hit different ranges of his soul while telling one of his stories only adds weight to his intricate lyrics. Tim Sult, Jean-Paul Gaster and Daniel Maines lay the groundwork for the album by supplying the grooves and chord-striking musicianship that gives the songs their staying power. The band's talent comes by playing the music, not by merely striking power chords to achieve that effect. The tight, talented musicians that make up this band have developed a new style of music, best defined as groove-oriented metal. They maintain their power by keeping the listener in suspense as to what will happen next, not by hitting them in the face all of the time.

The title track opens the album, showcasing Fallon's unmatched vocal ability, while the band begins its onslaught on their newly found groove style on "Ship of Gold". "The Yeti" shows the tran-

sition between Fallon's earlier vocal style and the new and improved vocal clout he is spreading all over this album. "The Soapmakers" is the album's first single, beginning with its trademark power groove and mixing the intelligent musicianship of the band with their ability to look back into history to tell a story. "Green Buckets", "Eight Times Over Miss October", and "Muchas Veces" all stand out as testimonials to the fact that Clutch has arrived in a big way. Fallon described the album's theme shortly before the album came out: "Our last album, Clutch, looks to the future. "The Elephant Riders" looks to the past. Writing the lyrics, I have learned that the past is never gone. Just as tomorrow never comes, yesterday never leaves. Hopefully, this thought will encourage you to look there."

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Carol Moore named 13th President of Lyndon State College

By Rob McDougall

Last Friday the Vermont State College Board of Trustees ended their five month search for a new Lyndon State College President and appointed Dr. Carol A. Moore to the post.

Moore is visiting the campus this week, but will not officially begin her duties until this summer.

Moore comes to LSC from Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY where she currently serves as the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. She will begin her duties in Lyndonville this summer.

The Appointment of Moore ends the long and complex process of selecting the successor to interim president Dr. Robert Burnham. Burnham served as president following the departure of Dr. Peggy Williams last spring. Beginning with a group of over 150 applicants the LSC Presidential Search/Selection and Advisory Committee narrowed the field to two candidates and invited each to the campus for a visit. Moore and Dr. Micheal Rao were each scheduled for a visit in late March. However about a week before his scheduled visit Rao withdrew his name from consideration leaving Moore as the only candidate.

"Proceeding with only Dr. Moore in now way invalidates our process," said Stanley Carpenter, the Vermont State College General Council in responding to the news of Rao's withdrawal. "We are left with one strong candidate to look at and determine if there is a fit between the candidate and the school. There is no pressure on anyone to fill the position quickly. No one is under the gun."

The search process began in the summer with the formation of the committee. The committee was made up of members of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees, members of the LSC community, Carpenter and Charles Bunting, Chancellor of the VSC system. The committee met to decide what the LSC community needs were and what kind of traits and characteristics were important in the selected person.

The committee ran an ad in a national publication and received roughly 155 resumes from interested applicants.

"In January the committee looked at the resumes that we had received," said Carpenter. "We looked to see if the interested people fit the needs of Lyndon State. We looked at experience, degrees achieved and other credentials. From there we were able to narrow the field to around 25."

Information was sent to those candidates and they were asked to respond in writing to a few questions. The committee then reviewed the answers, once again looking for a fit between the candidate and LSC. They then narrowed the field to five candidates.

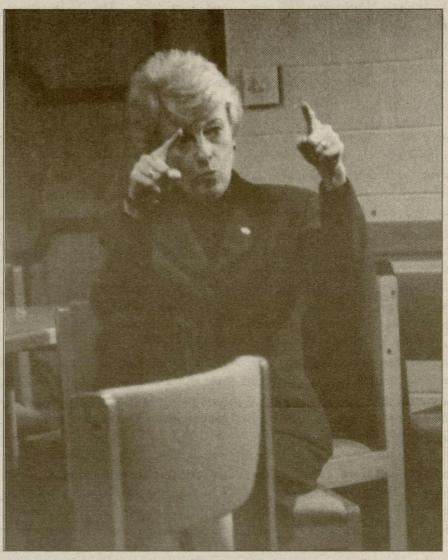
These five candidates were flown to Burlington where they met with the committee one at a time at a hotel for what is known as "airport interviews."

"Up to this point we had been judging the people on paper, this is where we really get to know the person," said Carpenter. "We get to ask them questions and see how they respond, how they think of their feet, and if they have a sense of humor. It's like a dance. While we're judging them, they're judging us. It's a two-way street."

After the airport interviews, the field was narrowed to the final two candidates. When Rao withdrew, it was only Moore who visited the campus on March 25 and 26. While on campus Moore met briefly with members of the faculty, student body, staff and student government. Later she met with Burnham, Bunting, and the Search/Selection Committee. The committee then met to decide what to do next.

Between her visit to LSC and her appointment, several members from the LSC community visited the campus of Mercy College. There was a unanimous recommendation to the

VSC Board of Trustees that Moore become the 13th president of LSC.



New president Carol A. Moore

Lyndon administration to receive face lift with the addition of new positions

By James Ingalls

LSC will under go some administrative changes for next year. One of the changes will include the combining Admissions, Financial Aid and the Registrar's office. This new department will be named the Enrollment Management department. The department will be overseen by a new Dean to be hired later, according to Dean Paul Tero. Tero said, "It will better help in serving the students." Tero went on to say that this new department was formed in hopes of operating more efficiently.

Other changes occurring on the LSC campus include the leaving of John Gorman the Associate Dean of Information Technology. At the end of the semester John Gorman, Assistant Dean of Information Technology will be leaving LSC to

pursue a job at Penn State University. In an interview with Dean Paul Tero, he said that the position would be filled temporarily for the next year. After next year, Tero said that the position would be looked at and a decision would be made about hiring a new staff member.

In another change Sher Hruska will take over the vacated spot left by Kirk Manning. Hruska will take over the duties of being acting Dean of Student Affairs. Her upcoming duties will include hiring new staff for the Residence Halls. In another related topic Dr. Bruce Berryman will become the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Dr. Berryman will also continue to teach one course at LSC along with his duties as acting Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

The departments of Telecommunications and Information Technology will be

combined next year. The new department will be over seen by Dean of Academic Affairs Paul Tero.

More changes to the LSC administration that were not mentioned in a recent memo from Dean Tero included the opening of three new positions. Although the three new positions were not announced to the staff or faculty of the college they were advertised in the April 29, issue of the Burlington Free Press in the wanted ads. The three new positions are Director of College Recruitment, Director of Residential Life and Director of Student Activities. The positions of Director of Residential Life and Director of Student Activities are two entities that have been subdivided out of the current position of Dean of Students.

National Weather Association held its 23rd Annual Northeastern Storm Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY

by: Andy Lafleur

The Lyndon State chapter of the American Meteorological Society and National Weather Association held its 23rd Annual Northeastern Storm Conference in Saratoga Springs, New York from March 6-8.

The conference gives college students studying meteorology a chance to meet and talk with professionals in the field so they can get an idea of what is involved with meteorology. It also gives the students a chance to see the different fields that are available in meteorology, talk with people who are in that field so they can get their questions answered about that branch of meteorology. The conference also gives the professionals in the field a chance to meet with the college students and help get them going in the right direction and answer any questions that they might have about what is involved with meteorology.

The topic for this years Conference was Northeast Weather Disasters which covered topics such as blizzards, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, floods, and unusual weather phenomena which are found in the Northeast. The banquet speaker for the conference was Paul Kocin of the National Weather Service and

National Centers for Environmental Prediction. There were also presentations from people in the National Weather Service about severe weather in the Northeast especially blizzards and tornadoes. The presentations ranged in variety and the speakers as well because we had professors and students talking about their experiences in the field and what they would do to be successful.

During the Conference there was also poster presentations being presented about weather disasters that people wanted to show information about but not speak about which were very interesting to see because the topics dealt with the International Dissemination of Public Weather Warnings, The Farmingdale, Long Island Tornado and what it is like to live in the "World's Worst Weather": Winter life on the summit of Mount Washington, NH.

A new feature to the conference this year was a panel discussion with professionals from the different fields in meteorology. The panel consisted of William Heyniger from T.V. weather, Dennis Miller from the private industry section of weather, and Gene Auciello form the National Weather Service in Albany, NY. The discussion was lead by Sean Hickey, Vice

President of the LSC AMS/NWA, who asked the panel a question which was geared towards the different groups of students that were there for the discussion. Sean Hickey felt that the Discussion went very well and that the people enjoyed it very much and hopes that it answered questions that the students had about the different fields involving meteorology.

The conference was very informative and interesting to attend because it brought together many different aspects of meteorology in one weekend and was presented in a way that most people there could understand and use later on in their careers. The highlight of the conference was Paul Kocin, the banquet speaker, because he talked about different Northeast weather disasters that he has observed and studied during his years as a meteorologist and was able to keep everyone's attention while he talked. He talked mostly about the different blizzards that have hit the Northeast and also about some of the flooding that has affected the Northeast, but focused mainly on the blizzards of the Northeast.

Gerry Bielinski, President of the LSC AMS/NWA, thought that the conference went over very well and that the highlight of the conference was the

banquet speaker because he spoke long enough to get his point across to the people. He also wants to thank Jamie Casto, Storm Conference Co-Chair, for her help on the conference and everything involved in making it happen. He also wishes to thank his fellow officers for their help with the Storm Conference, and wants to let them know that it wouldn't have been possible without their help.

All the officers of the club thought that the conference went over very well and thought that everyone that attended the conference was able to come away with learning something about meteorology. They also believed that the conference was a huge success and will only continue to grow bigger and better than the previous conference.

The officers of the LSC AMS/NWA are: President: Gerry Bielinski Vice-President: Sean Hickey Secretary: Josh Nichols Treasurer: Jim Longmuir Public Relations: Scott Gebelein.

Vermont is the most expensive state for undergraduate resident tuition fees

by: Matt Rychlik

The state of Vermont leads all states in tuition and fees, requiring students enrolled in state colleges and universities to pay an average of \$4,428 for the 1997-98 school year, according to the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board survey of 1997-98 tuition and fee rates. Vermont is the most expensive state for undergraduate resident tuition fees for those attending four-year public colleges and universities, charging students \$6,497 for the 1997-98 school year, according to the College Board Annual College Survey. The states closest to Vermont in undergraduate resident tuition and fees, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, are both over \$1,000 cheaper than Vermont institutions of higher learning, according to the College Board Annual College Survey.

The rising tuition and fees can be a burden for those who wish to remain in their home state of Vermont to get a college education. According to Vermont State College Student Association President Joe Sinagra, eighty-two percent of the students attending the Vermont State College (VSC) system are from Vermont. Over half of the students attending

schools in the VSC system are the first members of their families to attend college, with half of the VSC system attendees being

"non-traditional" students (undergraduates over the age of twenty-two and graduate students over the age of twenty-five).

Sinagra also said that with the average family income of Vermont students receiving financial aid to attend

the VSC at \$29,000 per year, loans for parents have increased from \$500,000 in the fall of 1988 to \$5,000,000 in the fall of 1996. The average loans for Vermont students who attend the VSC are around \$2,900 per year, totaling an \$11,600 debt that the college graduate will have to pay back after their four years of college. In the fall of 1996, sixty-eight percent of the stu-

'The rising tuition and fees can be a burden for those who wish to remain in their home state of Vermont to get a college education.'

dents in the VSC system received financial aid.

According to Sinagra, Vermont has the highest in-state public college tuitions in the country because the public colleges in Vermont receive a mere eighteen percent of their funding from the state, which is the lowest level of state funding in the United States. The VSC is receiving \$86 million for the next academic year from the state for all of its operations.

A recent study in the Chancellor's report indicates that college educated persons earn an average of \$15,549 more per year than persons without a college education. If the VSC continues to be put on the backburner, students will continue to be concerned about their ability to afford the cost of a college education, with the budgets to operate higher learning institutions decreasing while tuition and fees remain likely to increase. The VSC says that it is the state's obligation to provide equal educational opportunities for Vermonters, giving them the chance to improve their lives. Without that, the future of higher education in Vermont is up in the air.

Athletic awards ceremony for winter season

By Stacey patterson

Lyndon State College handed out its Athletic Awards on March 24, 1998.

A few of the top winners for the men's and women's basketball team, were Jamie Kingsbury and Jamie Eaton. Jamie Kingsbury of Bradford, VT was named the Most Valuable Player for the men's basketball team. Kingsbury has been with the Hornets for three years and has led the Hornets in scoring with 15.2 points per game. For the second straight year he was named to the All-Conference team and helped the Hornets reach the Mayflower Conference semi-finals.

Also honored was Kerry Lyons, the junior center from Milton, VT. He received the Mike Tessier Award from his coach Tim Kelly. This is the second time he has received this award. Lyons was the second highest scorer on the Hornet's team this year with 11.3 points per game and he led the team in rebounding with 5.8 per game. The Tessier award is given to a player who displays dedication, enthusiasm and hard work for the game.

Jamie Eaton, the junior center for the Hornets, was named to the All-Conference team with 18.1 points per game and averaged 10.5 rebounds. She has become one of the leaders in

the Mayflower Conference, and had conference best's of a 56 percent field goal percentage and averaged two blocked shots per game. She was in the top 20 in scoring and rebounding and was placed 11th nationally in the NAIA in field goal percentage

Also honored was guard Leslie Waterman of Wells River and forward Diana Chaloux of St. Johnsbury, both juniors. They received the Coach's Award which is given for leadership, effort, commitment, and contribution to the women's basketball program. Coach Dave Miller said, "They have helped set the stage for our future successes."

Other athletes that were also recognized at the reception were: Jim Nelson of East Ryegate, Leslie Waterman of Wells River, Adam Smith of Newbury, Becca Newman of East Hardwick and Shane Garceau of Sheldon. All of these players received the scholar athletes award that was presented by Kirk Manning, Dean of Student Affairs, and President Robert Burnham. To receive this honor, Lyndon State College athletes have to be upperclassmen, with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above.

LSC baseball team closes season with a double-header split at St Joseph's College of Maine

By Phil Dudas

The Lyndon State College baseball team won both games of a double-header versus Husson College Sunday, April 26, upping their record to nine and seven with four games left in the regular season.

The sweep of Husson on Sunday was the first in the 12 years LSC has been playing them. The first game went down to a play at the plate.

LSC was down four to two when Greg Fortin got up in the fifth inning with two on and two out. The Hornets were leading five to four after he blasted a line shot over the center field fence.

The score would remain five to four until the bottom of the sixth, when Jim Brooks drilled a double into the gap in left center, driving in a run to make the score six to four. This would become a very crucial run in the game.

The first three batters reached base in the top of the seventh, forcing LSC coach Skip Pound to bring in Brian Kane to relieve Tim Santaw, who had pitched six solid innings for the Hornets.

Kane got Husson's number two hitter to fly out to right field. The runner on third tagged up and scored, and the runner on second advanced to third on the play. The count was no balls and two strikes on the next batter when the man on first tried to steal second. The pitch was called strike three as catcher Jim Brooks threw to second, trying to catch the runner stealing. On the throw, the runner from third broke for home, representing the tying run. Tom Nutting caught the ball in front

of second, and threw a strike to the plate. Brooks caught the ball, blocking the plate perfectly, tagged the runner out, and the game was over. Tim Santaw got the win, and Brian Kane got the save.

The second game's outcome was the same, but in a less dramatic fashion. Lyndon State shut down the Husson offense in the top of the first, and scored three runs in the bottom on a two RBI double by Tom Nutting, who then scored on a Brian Kane single.

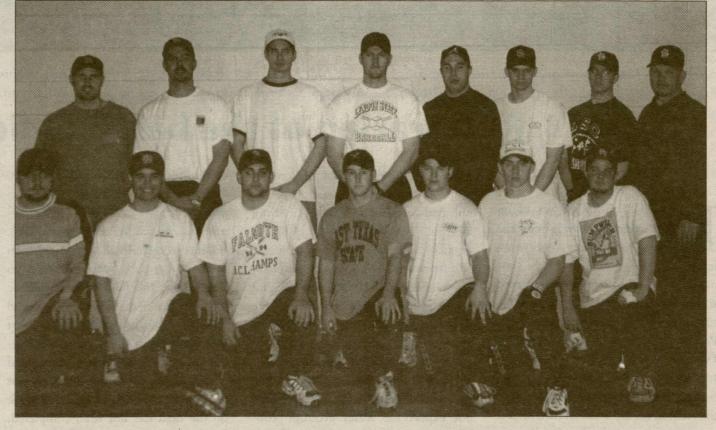
Husson got a run back in the top of the second, but that was as close as they would get. In the bottom of the second, the Hornets scored six runs, with home runs from Jay Lemont and Tim Santaw, and a triple from Jim Brooks.

Brian Kane pitched well, as the Lyndon defense helped him shut Husson out for the rest of the game. Greg Fortin ended the game early with a two run double to put LSC up 11-1 in the fifth, invoking the ten-run rule.

The LSC baseball team is on a hot streak, winning eight of their last nine games. They are led by Greg Fortin, who is batting .456 with seven home

runs and 33 runs batted in. Sophomore shortstop Tom Nutting is hitting .446 with four home runs and 23 RBIs. Josh Sylvester, the Hornets veteran third baseman, is hitting .447 with a home run and 15 RBIs.

The Hornets ended the season by splitting a double-header with St. Joseph's College of Maine.



Men's Baseball, 1998. Back row, left to right: Brian Kane, Greg Fortin, Trainer Chad Carter, Alan M. Smith, Jr, Tim Santaw, Phil Dudas, Jay Lemont, Coach Skip Pound. Front row, Left to right: Trainer Travis Bergeron, Tom Nutting, Josh Slyvester, ret Hodgdon, Travis Taylor, Martin Stiebris, Jim Brooks.

Women's Softball team captures Mayflower Conference Championship title after winning season

By Chori Braley

On Sunday, April 26, the Lyndon State Women's Softball Team won the Mayflower Conference, defeating Notre Dame College twice to finish with a conference record of seven and one.

The team got off to a challenging start during spring training in Florida, adjusting to a season ending injury to senior captain Heidi Fortin, the young team was still able to rally to capture the conference title.

In the season opener the women embarassed Green Mountain College, walking away with a game plan for a season of victories.

The women continued their strongplay with two wins against Johnson State College. They took their undefeated record to Castleton where they split the double-header leaving with a record of five and one.

The hornets have also had a tough non-conference schedule including University of Maine Farmington, Norwich University, Middlebury College, and Thomas College. These teams have prepared the team for the conference tournament tallying an overall record of 10-10.

Freshman Kathleen Keating has successfully pitched four conference wins for the hornets, accompanied by senior captain Patty Jean's strong performance behind the plate and backed up by a strong defensive effort from the rest of the team.

"I think we are the strongest right now that we've been all season," commented head coach Tammi Cady, "we are a young team and we've really developed a lot. I'm looking forward to the playoffs, if we come ready to play I think we will win the tournament."

The women look forward to the conference championships on Saturday May 2 where they will work to advance to the regional tourna-



Back row left to right: Coach Tammoi Cady, Allison Chase, Jodi Raymond, Renee Breault, Jennifer Craft, Robin Grethe, Liz Chase, Tara McCaffrey. Front row, left to right: Jamie Mayo, Chori Braley, Heidi Fortin, Patty Jean, Kathleen Keating, Leslie Waterman, Tara Bartlett.

Restoration of the baseball field

By Stacy Patterson

ASEBALL SEASON has begun once again, but along with the games, have come some problems with the field. Over the last month the baseball field has suffered some water damages that have left big gaps at the edges of the field. Skip Pound, the Athletic Director of Lyndon State College and the coach for the baseball team, discussed the fields condition with me. The extent of the erosion on the baseball field affects two main areas and a few small spots along the fence. The combination of snow melting and rain has eroded the soil along the fence and warning track.

These conditions have not affected the playing on the field so most people do not realize there is anything wrong with it. The field has gone under repairs to fix this problem but there is still more to do. To fix the problem, workers dug up the warning track and put a drainage pipe in. This will let the field drain the water in many different areas, in contrast to before where all the water drained in a few areas which led to some of the erosion. When the field was designed school officials did not expect the water erosion problems. They did have concerns with the steepness of the bank and how to keep the grass growing on the bank because it is so steep. They are putting sod on

the bank to stop the erosion process. Officials are pinning it on the soil to give the grass a chance to start growing and hopefully to keep it alive. Because of this, it will stop the erosion for the most part. School officials do not believe the field will experience anymore problems. They hope the sod will solve the problem. The cost of these restorations has yet to be determined. Jim Gallagher, head of Maintenance, has said the cost has not yet been determined because the work on the field has not been completed. When asked how much the college will have to pay, he was not sure on the amount or who will pick up the cost of these restorations. The extent

of these problems is not serious enough to affect the play on the field but have caused quite a problem with the school. The restorations are still not complete but when they are, the baseball field will be as good as new. The school has taken adequate steps to make sure the field will be intact for future years. It is still not certain who will pickup the bill for these restorations but most likely it will be The school. The field is still better than anything the school has ever had before for the baseball team.

Emmy Award winning reporter to address graduates

Dawn Fratangelo, a correspondent for "Dateline NBC," will give the keynote address to the Class of '98 at Lyndon State College's 86th commencement ceremony on May 17.

Since joining "Dateline" in 1996, Fratangelo has covered a variety of topics including the fatal 1996 storm at Mt. Everst, which took her to South Africa to profile that country's Everest team, and a multi-part investigation into the tobacco industry. Fratangelo also serves as a substitute anchor on the weekend edition of "Nightly News."

"She's got a strong attachment to the state of Vermont and to New England and had excelled in a career Lyndon is preparing some of its students to enter," Commencement Chairman and CAS Associate Professor Dana Rosengard said. "She has the power to be a dynamic speaker."

Prior to joining "Dateline," Fratangelo was a general assignment correspondent based in NBC's Chicago bureau, a position she held since joining NBC News in April 1993. While in Chicago she covered the Midwest, reporting stories of national interest from the Midwest floods to social issues such as child

custody and welfare. Fratangelo was the recipient of a 1993 Emmy Award for Outstanding Coverage for her extensive series of reports on the 1993 Midwest floods, for which she also received an honorary doctorate of journalism from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

"She is not just coming to speak to the (Communication Arts and Sciences) students, she's coming to speak to the entire Lyndon community," Rosengard said. "She has national recognition and a handle on things that affect everybody."

ay 17th is expected to bring congratulations and salutations to 231 prospective graduates. However, they may not get their hands on that diploma as soon as they think because academic excellence and earned credits are not the only graduation requirements. Students must complete many requirements in order to graduate.

- •Degree Audit into Michel Bean, Registrars Office.
- •Hat measurements, weight and height turned in to Michel Bean.
- •Graduation paperwork turned in to Michel Bean.
- •Buy commencement tickets and brunch tickets from Tammy Cady, Alumni affairs, April 27th-May 8th.
- •Accounts due on May 13th. This does not only include tuition. Fines for overdue books and parking tickets must be paid. Also, if you received any alcohol or noise violations in the dormitories, they must be paid, along with payment for damaged property. The \$55 graduation fee is also included and it covers the cost of the cap and gown, diploma, graduation announcements, food, flowers, and printing of programs.
- •Seniors must attend mandatory rehearsal on May 15th at 3pm.
- •Line-up for commencement ceremony at 12:30 SHARP on May 17th.

Seniors who fail to complete these tasks will have their diploma's and transcripts with held and mailed to them after everything is done.

There is a lot to do, but there is some good news: payment on student loans won't hold anything up. Payment on the loans does not begin until November of 1998!

LSC-TV Wins four firsts at regional Mark of Excellence competition, beating out other regional schools

LSC-TV/News center 2, a student-produced newscast at Lyndon State College, continued its domination of the Society of Professional Journalists Regional Mark of Excellence Awards, which honors the best in student journalism. LSC-TV won four of eight categories, including a first-place for television newscast, beating out colleges from New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

LSC senior Courtney Davis took first place in the television sports reporting and television news photography categories. Senior Jennifer Goddard, junior Tony Weeks and sophomore Helen Couture worked on a story about a collision on Route 114 that won first place for television spot news reporting. The station also took second place in that category and third place in the television in-depth reporting category for a five-part series on domestic violence.

The judges for the television news-

cast category were impressed with the news cast's coverage of the Northeast Kingdom. "If I lived in the communities covered, I would feel well informed. Very professional effort in all areas," the judges wrote.

For her winning entry in feature photography, the judges called Courtney Davis' effort "very well shot. Compelling without being phony."

Davis, a telecommunications production major, primarily works as a reporter on News center 2, but was behind the camera for a car accident at Sutton River. Davis said it was the first hard news story she had ever shot and was only the second time she had shot footage for LSC-TV. She proved to be a natural.

"I really enjoy the photography aspect," she said, " and I got right down in there, into the heart of the story."

Her award-winning sports reporting story covered the opening of moose hunting season. Although it was her second year reporting on the event, she found a fresh way to tell the story. "Last year, I did a generic overlay. This year, I wanted to really get in there and see a group of hunters in action," she said.

With two-and-a-half years of experience from LSC-TV, Davis is looking for a photography position following her graduation this May.

"I plan to pursue photography, but I also enjoy reporting which allows me to talk to people," she said. "I like to be able to show a story visually more than I like to write it, but I like them both."

News center 2 is a production of LSC-TV on Kingdom Access Television, which reaches over 8,000 households in Northeastern Vermont and parts of New Hampshire. It broadcasts live at 11:55 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. from Lyndon State College.

"I am especially pleased by the first-

place newscast award. This shines a winning light on all the students involved in the very demanding production of News center 2," said LSC-TV News Director Dana Rosengard, who also serves as the advisor to the Lyndon student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

first-place entries from each region now compete at the national level, where only one award is given in each category. In recent years, the newscast has been recognized for excellence several times by the Society of Professional Journalists. Lyndon State students won three first-place awards in the region last year, then went on to receive a national first place in Television News Photography. The year before, LSC took home two regional first-place awards.

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- 3.) Previous Critic experience
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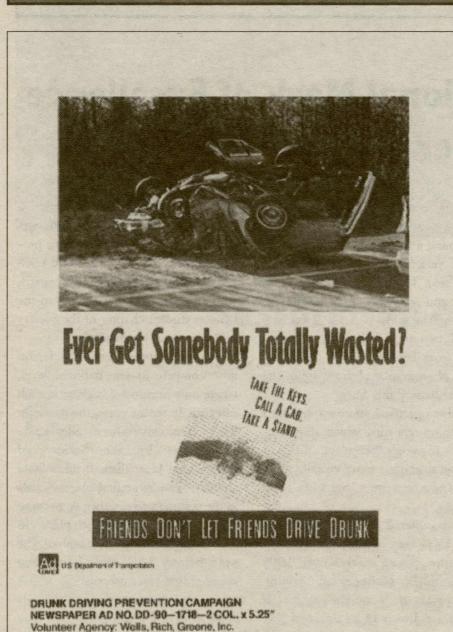
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Submit samples of your writing, editing and other materials, plus a letter of application and resume to:

Publications and Media Advisory Board c/o Alan Boye Vail 457

Deadline: May 17, or until position is filled.



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Fall hits LSC, and change is in the air, for one thing, Professor Jim Doyle is retiring

Story by Ed Dean

Tow do you thank and pay homage to someone who is one of the greatest (and nicest) English professors who has ever taught at Lyndon State College?

That is the question which the LSC community of students, faculty, staff, alumni, administrators and friends will ponder before Professor James Doyle retires in May after teaching English at

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Concerned graphic design student

To the editor:

As a concerned student, I am discontent with the "organizational changes" that have and will be taking place here at LSC. Speaking as a design major, I should start by saying I am very appreciative for the brand new G3's (industry-standard equipment) we have received in the graphics lab. However, the administrations consideration of eliminating electives, based on low enrollment, worries me. The administration wants to set the minimum class size to 25, but we only have 15 computers. In a major such as graphic design and others, there must by exceptions.

I transferred to this institution for the small classes and personal attention. I enjoy being a name instead of a social security number. This semester I started to notice a major increase in class size. In two of my classes there is a constant battle for chairs. In another, approximately 27 students crowd around one computer to observe demonstrations. I understand the need to cut back on classes. However, you must understand that we have a fast growing department, and although the department is growing, a large majority of the students have

not fulfilled the requirements needed to take these electives. That doesn't mean they are not needed. There are students, like myself, that have taken all the requirements and simply need beneficial elective credit. Even if 10-15 students are enrolled, that is definitely enough to make the course worthwhile.

We need these elective classes to put us at a competitive level with other institutions or else our education here will not benefit our career. To give LSC the reputation of producing experienced designers, and influencing more up-in-coming designers to attend LSC, we need these electives. I can't stress their importance enough.

Lyndon State College portrays itself as an institution known for its small intimate class settings. Increasing the minimum class size would directly contradict this ideal. In order to keep design students and other students alike, there must be electives

We need a broad sense of the whole design world, not just what the school can afford at any one semester. We the students shouldn't be punished for the schools mismanagement of money.

Danielle Deforest

Mural Morals

To the Editor:

By now perhaps most of you have confronted the dynamic mural in the Twilight Theatre lobby designed and painted by Josh Mason. Those who expect landscape or people themes for a mural, will no doubt be disappointed. I prefer to call the work "architect friendly." After all the wall was thoughtfully placed there by an architect with a double door inviting us out of the lobby into a long hallway to the library. Josh's mural celebrates architecture with its clean angles and visual corridors leading into the architect's and now his space.

The rich hues of color should not shock any residents who have been to the library to walk on blue-green stair-treads while holding a lipstick-magenta stair-rail. The mural is a celebration of color and a refutation of flatness. The forms are given more emphasis by literally removing them from the wall and placing them in the lobby. I know the intention was a kind of kiosk or resting place, but I prefer this structure as pieces plucked from the wall in full intensified dimension.

For those interested in seeing other visual material in this genre, a book on Al Held's murals by Richard Armstrong will be on reserve in the library. Note Held's murals from 1987-1989 and you will see that Josh is walking in his dramatic footsteps.

Artists bare their souls to criticism as soon as the brush or pencil leaves the trail of their thinking on any surface be it paper, canvas or wall. Therefore I feel it is time for praise. Thank you Josh for inviting us into your space and for letting us experience the dynamics of your color.

By Dorian McGowan Art Department

Editors Note: Of the people I talked with about the mural, most found it colorful and refreshing. Though many did say it took some getting used to, they now respect the mural and the person behind it.

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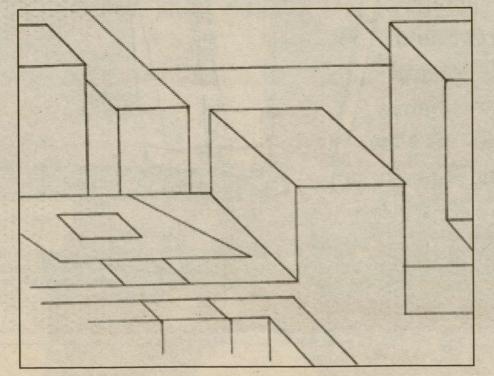
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Down and Out at LSC By Jason Scherer

The need to evacuate came from nowhere.It burned up my spine like brush fire, destroying all other emotion and thought in its path. There I sat, legs asleep, fingers curled like claws, and bags underneath my eyes. I ran out the door. Pins and needles stabbed my lower body. I went out on the stone porch and breathed the night air. It was time to admit I had a serious, depraved habit. I am a Net Junkie.. I wasn't alone that night - other poor souls sat in the computer lab as well. Many looked like they'd taken the red eye from Hong Kong to London with no sleep. Our clothes were wrinkled, smelly. Our voices were cracked and dry, ruined from the gallons of coffee poured down our throats. One can recognize any normal, God-fearing Net Junkie by the following signs:

- 1. Their living quarters have a back-alley ambiance so disgusting, so amazingly foul, flies die upon impact with the room's air.
- 2. Their eyes are glazed and faded from threehundred seventy two consecutive hours of staring
- 3. A constant need for aspirin is present, as well as a constant complaint of agonizing pain in the head. This is also the result of those irresponsibly spent hours in front of the computer.
 - 4. When giving their address, they tend to say

such things as, "I live at http:/www.eighty-four Cherry Street in St. J.com".

It's perfectly understandable why these lost souls exist. In reality, I have a hard time understanding those who aren't in constant need of a Net fix. Who doesn't want to spend hour upon hour finding pictures of Pamela Lee from her latest documentary with husband and artist extraordinaire Tommy Lee?

There's somewhere in the vicinity of five billion World Wide Web pages in existence at this moment. Almost one for every person on the planet. This number could change on very short notice, of course. Web pages seem to be like rabbits; they breed uncontrollably. And I know somewhere in those five billion pages is what I've been looking for during the past ninety hours - a sound clip from "South Park" that contains a highly intelligent and sophisticated joke about Cartman's lineage.

Another draw for your everyday Net Junkie is shopping. Anything your heart desires can be found. A Salad Shooter? Only nineteen ninety-five, plus shipping and handling. An extremely rare copy of an autographed photo of Walter Koenig from "Star Trek?" You've got it.

Then there's the special interest sites. Information on anything ever know to civilized or uncivilized man.I counted sixteen thousand, four hundred and ninety-two sites devoted to fans of Leonardo DiCaprio's eyes. There are twice as many sites dedicated to arguments and rants as to why he should have won the Best Actor Oscar for his tearinducing, heart-breaking performance in "Titanic." And there are countless sites dedicated to those lovable cloth bags of stuff, Beanie Babies.

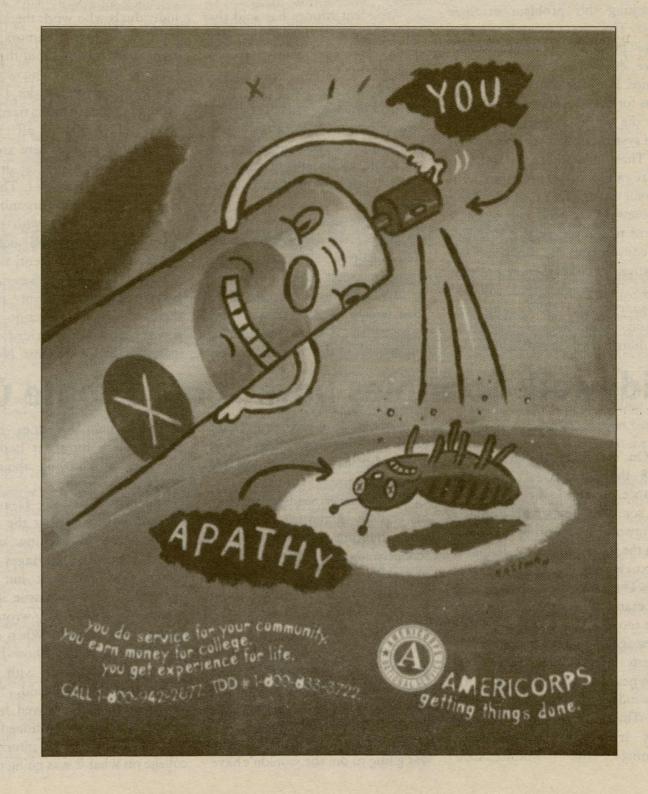
Shopping. Travel. Sports. Entertainment. Sex. All can be found on-line. Why should I ever leave my house again? Why go through the pain and heartache of travel? I can see all the pictures of Paris I want. Why deal with rude clerks at department stores? I can virtually shop. Why go out and try to make contact with another human at some singles bar? I can talk to a sexy woman from Australia named BUI9873. A local store is designing a custom chair for me. It will have a built in refrigerator, microwave, toilet, and keyboard. The chair will also recline back into a bed. I'll never have to move again.

Jason Scherer is editor in chief of The Lyndon Review and has published several articles and stories.

Another Policy??

At the Student House of Representatives meeting on October 7, 1998, the issue was brought up by WWLR, the campus radio station, regarding the sale of underwriting. According to yet another recently enforced college policy, students cannot receive a percentage of any underwriting, or ad sales, sold for a college club. According to Trish Seadale, Director of Student Activities, Dean of Institutional Advancement William Laramee has decided that clubs can no longer give a commission to club members. Several House members responded that commis sions make the students more motivated to sell the ads, which in turn makes the promotion more suc-

The issue was debated at the House for some time until it was decided that House would write a letter to the Dean. The concern was that students in clubs should be helping their clubs out of the kindness of their hearts rather than a need for money or personal betterment. With this in mind, why have the editors of the Lyndon Review and The Critic received English credit for their work? And why did the Treasurer of the Student Association for fall 1997, receive a business credit for her work? Shouldn't these people being doing this out of the goodness of their hearts, because in these days, time is money.



Staff's Concerns Come to the Surface

By Stacy Patterson

The staff has become worried about their job security of late with all the changes that have been going on with the college. Their union representatives (Vermont State Employees Association) met with them on Wednesday, October 6th to discuss their concerns. Annie Nunan of the VSEA was on hand to answer some questions along with the Federation President and many other VSEA representatives.

The staff is very concerned that if enrollment doesn't increase, there might be more cutbacks at the college. Gary Hoadley, the staff's Field Representative has said that the lines of communication are open with the administration and has asked the staff to stick together and be concerned with everyone's positions, not just their own. There was a sense of fear in each member of the staff wondering if their job will be next. With the recent cutbacks, the staff is worried that with all the positions

that will not be filled, the work load will double for them. They are upset that they will be doubling up on the work loads in different areas because of the vacant positions. They are concerned that they will have too much of a work load in the near future.

Many of the staff members would like to know where the money is spent in the college and if there is some way that the college can look elsewhere to cutback rather than laying off workers at the college. They are aware that

the President has been listening to their concerns and takes does take advice when she thinks it is sound. The president has said that she is reconstructing some individual jobs to be more efficient and also condensing some of the jobs on campus.

This problem will take a long time to resolve but in the near future, many of the staff members are extremely nervous that their job will be in the next set of cutbacks.

Recent Cutbacks are Affecting Jobs and Students at LSC

By Stacy Patterson

Recently there have been questions floating around the college about where the school is headed. Because of the recent revenue shortfall, the college has had to reevaluate every program and reorganize some of the jobs on campus. It is to be emphasized that NO one has been fired. The college is attacking this problem in three ways. They want to maintain academic programs, minimize the negative effects and focus on the future. But, one of the main problems for the school is that Vermont has the most expensive state college system in the country.

Three members of the staff will retire and those positions will remain vacant. One member of the Business Office staff will be reassigned to the Financial Aid Office to consolidate the financial aid functions. The temporary position in the Registrar's Office will end February 1st, 1999 and will remain vacant. A staff position in the library will be discontinued,

but there is going to be a position available in the area of Information Technology. And finally, an administrative position in the library will be reconstructed at the end of the year, to provide more technical support in the library to faculty and students. These will be the only cutbacks for this year, emphasized the president.

President Moore has said that the college will deliver the same quality and level of assistance to students in all areas. Student Life is gearing up and will be much stronger this year while Residential Life will be more assertive in programming this year. Finally, there are going to be improvements in the Dining Hall by offering better meal plans.

The president has also stated that ideas have already been generated to help in recruitment for this spring and next year. Students will be involved in this process, to get their perspective on certain issues. he president is expecting nothing but growth in the coming years by

starting the process to create new programs to attract students to the college. The main problem for the school is that out of state enrollment is significantly down and applications for the spring are extremely low.

The biggest issue for the students is the Yellow House and what will happen to the services provided to the students and the individuals who work there. There have been many rumors going around the school about the direction the college is going with that situation.Sherylyl Hruska, Dean of Students, has emphasized that there is NO plan at all to have fewer services than there are now. The college is exploring different options at this moment. They are looking into bigger organizations to provide students with greater access to specialists and additional services. At this moment, there is no access to these services and the bottom line for students is that there will be no reduction in the services that are provided or an increase cost for students. Nothing

is definite yet, the college is just looking at their options while trying to make a cost effective choice.

Mary Sue Kelly is the counselor at the Yellow House, and she sees about 65 percent of the student body. Most students are worried that with a new health care program, those individuals will not be on campus when they are needed, since Lyndon has an extremely high rate of depression. Ms. Kelly doesn't know what the college is going to do, but she is worried about certain issues like on-call services, programming and clinics. Ms. Kelly and other individuals at the Yellow House provide the students with numerous programs on their own that they think are effective and may be in danger with a new health care program.

It is still too early to know what will happen with the school. The only thing that is known, is that if enrollment keeps dropping the college will be in trouble. More individuals and programs might be hurt by that development.

Sidewalk Scribbles have some People Chalking

By Stacy Patterson

On the night of October 1, 1998 the GSA (Gay - Straight Alliance) covered the sidewalks, and some buildings with display's of drawings and writing that dealt with the issue about gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the straight allies. These members were very exuberant, but for the college, they were too exuberant. The GSA had a message in mind and that was to present educational facts and awareness to the college and to show individuals that the GSA was here. This action led to other reactions from the college.Friday morning the Maintenance

Department promptly removed the chalk by using hoses, pails, water trucks, brushes and high powered water sprayers.

Trish Turner Seadale, Director of Student Activities, explained that chalking any part of the school was considered defacement of public property. The question was raised to Miss Seadale about the other clubs in the past few years who chalked the sidewalks for different events. It was explained that this policy has always been around, but never enforced. Miss Seadale does admit that she didn't know of the policy and if she had known what GSA was going to do, she wouldn't have

stopped them. She does accept responsibility for what happened and for not knowing about this policy before hand.

Sheryl Hruska, Dean of Students, has said that the GSA's efforts were an exciting, educational effort. The messages were factual and important but were against the law. The issue in this matter is not what they wrote, but where they wrote it. When asked about the policy and how it was never an issue before with other clubs Miss Hruska said, "those events were pre-approved by the college and were sanctioned programs." GSA did not inform the college on what it was going to do.

The college will be reviewing its policy because of this incident. Miss Hruska also mentions that the college is very supportive of the GSA and values their desire to educate the college more. Miss Hruska states that, "the VSC protects the rights of gays, lesbians and bisexuals and Lyndon State is happy to support them as a club and as human beings."

The GSA will be getting a written letter reprimanding them for their actions and any group who would like to chalk the sidewalks must talk with Miss Hruska before doing so. ...continued from cover

Professor Doyl

LSC for 18 years. Professor Doyle is retiring due to health problems.

Throughout his teaching career at LSC, Professor Doyle has always been known for his incredible sense or humor, intelligence, his love of teaching and boundless enthusiasm when it comes to sharing that knowledge with students. "Humor has always been very important to me - both in class and out of class — because it's part of who I am," said Doyle. Reflecting on his retirement. Professor Doyle notes that he will miss his students. "I'll miss interacting with students the most," he said. "I kind of love them. I really like students because they tend to almost naturally be curious. At that age, kind of late adolescence, I tend to see them all on journeys, and I like mentoring them along the way. Helping them is what has made my life significant for me. I guess what teaching has been for me is helping students appropriate a language," mused Doyle.

Professor Doyle's commitment to excellence in teaching his students has not gone unnoticed. Doyle was awarded the Outstanding Teacher Award at LSC commencement two years ago. Many of his students still rave about what a great teacher he is and swap stories of what it was



Professor Jim Doyle

like to have a class with Doyle as if they were showing badges of honor. For Doyle, the memories he likes to savor are of his students.

"I've had some special moments here," Doyle said of his years at LSC. "I had taught Classics for a long time. It was around 1991 when I had a Classics class that was just a magical class—it was the year I was up for tenure actually. The students in that class gave me a bust of Homer.

I recently donated it to the library. That was a very special moment for me," recalled Professor Doyle. "I remain enthusiastic, because people at this college have been very good to me," he said.

"The other thing is I think my success as a teacher is also a function of students being there for me. I give, but I also get something back from them and that makes me enthusiastic when people pay attention in class. I feed off of that

in class. The difficult class is the one that's not responsive; but I've been lucky most of the time in that I've had mostly responsive students.

"So that in the very act of teaching you get 'fed' right then. I get high from teaching," concluded Professor Doyle.

Although he says he doesn't have any concrete plans for his retirement, Doyle is "really looking forward to pleasure reading."

"I'm not capable of being bored. I don't worry about it at all. I will miss students and colleagues, but I won'

Lyndon State College Undergoing Reaccredidation

By Jamie Keough

Two different organizations are evaluating Lyndon State College's academic and other programs.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), a national association, is evaluating Lyndon State College in order to determine if it should be accredited. The reaccredidation procedure occurs once every ten years and it provides LSC with a stamp of approval and allows other schools to be confident that a credit earned at Lyndon meets certain standards.

As a part of that process, NEASC is requiring LSC to submit a self-study report by the start of next summer. The report, an overview of LSC by the faculty, staff and administrators, will cover all aspects of the college ranging from degree programs to student organizations.

The NEASC reaccredidation is the second self-study in as many years at LSC.

The other self-study was completed last spring, and only involved the academic programs. That self-study is done as a part of the Vermont State Colleges requirements called Policy 101.

The draft of that report was submitted to the Education, Personnel and Student Life Committee (EPSLC), a state evaluation board, in mid-March of 1998. On April 16th and 17th the EPSLC met at LSC for its evaluation. Policy 101 is a review of LSC's academic programs. After reviewing the self-study report on Policy 101 the board of trustees of EPSLC highlighted four main improvement points.

The report's recommended: developing a college-wide assessment plan; revising the General Education Program (GEP); developing a "strategic plan" to budget and separate money to each program for the future.

EPSLC also gave recommendations for each degree programs.24 of the 26 LSC degree programs were given a stamp of approval.EPSLC highlighted the "degree programs in Communication Arts and Sciences and Recreation Resource and Ski Management" as well as LSC-TV.

However, the recommendations for the Associate of Science degree in Computing and the Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education scored in the category of "further study."

The EPSLC said the Department of Allied Health, including the two degree programs, physical education and sports medicine, should consider developing a "plan to offer fewer and more focused programs...within the context of scarce resources."

The EPSLC has requested a follow up report on the two degree programs in the spring of 1999. The report must contain an "analysis of the need for computer science programs" at LSC and "an analysis, including community input, of the need for allied health programming. "After that time, the final action will occur on the status of the programs.

In order to accomplish the self-study report for the second evaluation from NEASC, LSC has established a Reaccredidation Committee. Eleven subcommittees are examining programs to find the weak spots. In the fall of next year NEASC will send board members to LSC's campus for three days of questioning and observing to follow up on the finished self-study report that will be submitted next summer.

LSC Well Represented at MISS AMERICA Pageant

By Dana Rosengard

Miss Vermont Aimee Rzewuski may not have captured the crown at last month's Miss America pageant, but she sure did catch the eye of television producers and cameramen as she was all over the ABC live telecast.

Maybe you saw Aimee sitting in Lyndon's Bandstand Park in a "Let's Talk" segment during the 3-hour telecast. Or maybe you noticed her in the pageant's video review of the preliminary competition. Or maybe you just picked her out in the front line, more often than not, during pageant production numbers.

Miss Vermont, for a change, was everywhere.

"Maybe it's because I'm short, maybe because I'm a dancer, or maybe it was just pure luck," Aimee explains during an interview in the Convention Hall Press Room back in September.

Whatever the reason, Aimee succeeded in achieving her goal.

"I just wanted to make them all say, 'Wow that's Miss Vermont?!?"

And everywhere I went with my Miss Vermont button people said that and more. Along the boardwalk I heard about Miss



Miss Vermont in the Miss America Parade complete with Maple Syrup.

Vermont's excellent tap dancing routine. At the pageant trade show I heard about Miss Vermont's incredible velvet beaded and sequined evening gown. In hotel elevators I heard about Miss Vermont's eloquence at the microphone.

Now THAT should be no surprise at all to those who know this Miss Vermont. Aimee graduated from Lyndon State College in May with academic credentials in communication and meteorology. She was an anchor, reporter, and on-air meteorologist for the award-winning LSC-TV/News center 2. Practice at the microphone was something Aimee had in spades above the other would-be Miss

Americas. Aimee was also a Resident Assistant and Admissions Office tour guide. She never thought she'd be a beauty queen.

"I thought pageants were about being self-centered. Now I know the Miss America program is anything but. It's about self-confidence, making the world a better place, not about looking good in a swimsuit."

But Aimee looked plenty good in her bright purple bikini during her preliminary swimsuit competition.

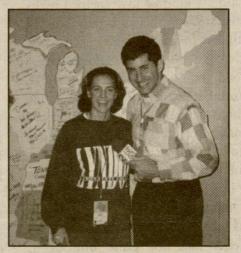
"I like my stomach better that I like my legs, so I figured I should show it as long as I had to show them," she rationalized.

Aimee picked up an additional

\$3,000 in scholarship support for her role as a state delegate at the Miss America Pageant and had more fun than she had ever expected. She also speaks highly of newly crowned Miss America, Nicole Johnson of Virginia.

"So many girls are fun, chipper, talented and brilliant," Aimee

And now Aimee is back in the Green Mountain state. She's available for appearances and speaking engagements until her service as Miss Vermont comes to an end next May. Then it's back to tackling the television job market and there's little doubt she'll catch the eye of many a News Director and start on another incredible journey.



Miss Vermont Aimee Rzewuski with professor Dana Rosengard.

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LSC-TV Receives National Award

By Jamie Keough

Each year the Society of Professional Journalists sponsors a national competition to honor the best of student journalism. This year Lyndon State College is the home of the best college newscast in the country. LSC-TV/News center 2, which is student-produced, won the Mark of Excellence Award in the television newscast category.

"This recognition will be a big boost on a slow news day or when we're under pressure to get a story, quickly, clearly and accurately," said LSC-TV News Director Dana Rosengard.

The broadcast includes the weather, usually by senior meteorology majors at LSC, and the local news. LSC-TV airs live, on Kingdom Access television, at 11:55 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. reaching over 8,000 houses in Vermont and sections of New Hampshire.

The judges' looked at several factors when determining the winner including accuracy, completeness, writing style, and the availability of resources to the students.

The judges comments for LSC-TV were: "The Lyndon State College newscasts contained better news content than many commercial stations. Although, it faced tough competition in other newscasts, LSC showed very solid basic journalism and showed excellent reporting and production."

The national winners will be recognized at the SPJ National Convention, October 22-24, in Los Angelas.

Career Information Sessions Fall 1998

Make Wednesdays your CAREER PLANNING DAYS. Attend any or all of the following information sessions in the CAREER RESOURCE CENTER, VAIL 228.

Wednesday, October 14, 2:00-3:00, Choosing a Major.

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See above description.

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See above description.

Wednesday, November 11, 2:00-3:00, Resume Writing.

Learn to write the kind of resume needed to help you get the job you want.

Wednesday, November 18, 2:00-3:00, Interviewing.

Make the right impression.Learn how and practice presenting yourself in an interview setting.

Wednesday, December 2, 2:00-3:00, Interviewing.

See above description.

New School Year, New Faces

By Jamie Keough

The 1998-1999 Academic school year at Lyndon State College has welcomed new faces. They are:

Cindy Franz and Kristen Purrington joined the LSC staff August 10th and are working as admissions counselors and financial aid assistants.

Cheri Goldrick, Vail 365, is working as an administrative assistant to Associate Academic Dean Bruce Berryman.

Linda Leach left the admissions office and now works as the faculty secretary in the Harvey Academic Center. She is located in room 102 at phone extension 6227.

Myrtie Townsend, Vail 431, is the new secretary for the Education Department and Physical Education program. Her phone extension is 6253.

Austin Anderson, Vail 369, began his duties as LSC's new Director of Residential Life July 20th.

Welcome to LSC!

Budget Shortfall Has Big Effects for All

By Stacy Patterson

Last year was a record year for tuition and enrollment but this year it's at an all time low. Lyndon State College is having a revenue shortfall. Out of a total budget of 16 million, the college is short 800,000 dollars.

There are many issues contributing to this problem but the biggest one is the decline of out of state students. Each spring the college sends its enrollment projections to the Vermont State College System. The enrollment projections are based on returning students and forecasting on how many new students will arrive. The college was on target for forecasting the in state students and even had one student above their target.

Their target for out of state students was way off. They are 45 students below their projected target. What this means is that the college was relying on these 45 students tuition to cover some of the costs of running the school. Now, the college is trying to balance the budget without affecting any academic or student services.

The college has created a new position, Dean of Enrollment Management, held by Joe Bellavance, to help create solutions and to prevent this from happening again. His role is to create more stability and growth in the student enrollment. The college wants to prevent swings in enrollment in the future. It has also created a committee to figure out how the college can keep people here

and to try and get them here. The committee will consist of a variety of people throughout the college.

As for tuition, there will not be an increase as of this year. The Vermont State College System regulates the tuition for all state colleges. When an individual college runs into a problem, the system will help it out. The budget shortfall shouldn't impact Lyndon's tuition says Wayne Hamilton, Dean of Business.

The college has yet to come up with solid ideas on how to balance the budget but with 800,000 dollars short, they'll have to soon. Students will unlikely feel any effects of this money shortfall.

Residential Housing Faces Many Challenges

By Stacy Patterson

Over the past couple of years, there have been housing problems in the dorms. Even though students have to live on campus for two years, most upper classmen leave after that. The goal this year is to promote on campus living to everyone by improving the conditions in the dorms.

Last year there were 616 students living on campus, but this year there are only 480 students on campus. That is a huge difference and you can see the difference when you go into the dorms and find rooms empty, triples as doubles, and doubles as singles. Two sweet lounges were changed back into rooms but then were changed back into lounges because of the decrease in students. The Brown house is closed as a residence hall and will be renovated for

Counseling and Health Services. The Matty house is now for older, non-traditional students. It's about half full and there is a tighter focus on who goes there.

Sheryl Hruska, Student Affairs, will be revising the judicial process for next year. A committee along with herself will rewrite the procedures and the rules and make them clearer and less complicated. The Student Senate will receive a draft of the new regulations and give their opinion on it while the Chancellors Office has offered its suggestions. Miss Hruska and the committee have received other state colleges rules and regulations and will be looking at those also. Using all these resources, they will create more concise rules. Students will be notified before room selection of these new rules. This year, the rules will be dealt with more

timely, consistently, and fairly. There were complaints last year that the process dragged on too long.

Sheryl Hruska along with Austin Anderson, Director of Residential Life, is also trying to enhance customer service. They are trying to enhance the dorm life by having theme housing next year on a small scale. An example of this is an honors floor, meteorology floor or a math/science floor. They will monitor the success of this and if it does succeed, they will initialize this on a larger scale. Their goals are to make the dorms a positive place to live and learn. They are trying to make the dorms a desirable place to live so students can excel academically. Also, the Resident Assistants have had more training and inservice meetings, so they are more prepared this year

than last year.

Austin Anderson has said that the college is not trying to make the dorms alcohol free but are just enforcing the rules more this year. He will be holding forums in October in each dorm to get students feedback on issues dealing with the dorms. He also states that most upper classmen leave campus because they believe they will save money in the long run. Anderson says that isn't so, and with Miss Hruska's help they are trying to entice students to stay.

There are going to be many changes in the dorm life in the next year or so. Anderson and Hruska are trying to make the dorm life more suitable for academic achievements and enforcing the regulations much more than last year. Only time will tell if their plans succeed or fail.

UNE Cross Country Invitational

By Ed Dean

Biddeford, Maine -Veteran cross-country team members Sean Fisher and Mike Bruhn moved up through the pack together and finished strong to pace the Lyndon State College Men's x-c team to a second-place team finish Saturday Sept. 19 at the University of New England X-C Invitational.

LSC's Randy Feeley raced to ninth, Chris Spears ran to 16th place and Nick Savoie deadlocked with Spears at 30:06 over the 8kilometer course for 17th place to push the Hornets into the runner

The Lady Hornets were forced to compete without the fleet-footed strides of Anja Gilbert, who had an academic conflict, but kept enough reserve sting in their strides to notch a fourth-place showing. The Harriers from Gordon College, St. Joseph's College, Unity College, Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine-Presque Isle were all sent down to cruel and bitter defeat by Hornet women Liz Chase (sixth), Melissa Maher (11th), Kelly Powers (21st), Harvest Fadden (23rd), and Fawn Grossi (49th).



Heather Fadden keeps up the pace to help her team in a strong stand-



Kelly Powers increasing her position as she weaves her way through the competition.

Sean Fisher and Mike Bruhn move up through to pack together and finish strong



The Adventures of

The Beginning

By Jason Hatch

The "cola wars" move into a new realm with a new "un-cola-type" hero, Mountain Dew Man. He's not quite a superhero, but he fights for caffeinated freedom of choice on a college campus not unlike this one.

Jim chugged heavily on the can of Mountain Dew, his next to last can of caffeinated goodness. After tomorrow, the status of his stockpile wouldn't matter anyway, Jim decided. Finals were almost over, with tomorrow's Physics for Poets final being his last exam. break, Jim would be able to stock up on his lifeblood. Looking back at the physics, Jim tried to make sense of why and how circular motion mattered to his life. After all, his future career was to be a lottery-winning millionaire. A knock on the door interrupted the would-be student.

"Come on in." Jim's friend, Mark entered the too-small dorm room. Being a junior gave Jim the privilege of a single room, but still no room in the spatial sense. Mark lived across the hall with someone Jim barely knew, mostly because the roommate was always asleep. Mark jabbered something that didn't register in Jim's sleepdeprived brain. "Say again."

"It's over," Mark forced himself to slow down.

"Administration has totally lost their minds."

"You're wrong there. They never had minds to begin with. They're bureaucrats; they had their brains removed at birth for efficiency's sake." Mark kept on going, like Jim had never said a word. This was standard policy for Mark to go off on something the school did. He was convinced the college was out to get him, so he was always prepared to launch a full-scale war against the college with nuclear, chemical, and/or biological weapons. "They've really surpassed themselves this time."

Jim closed the physics book, sure he'd get no work done. "What'd they do?" Mark stepped inside Jim's room and closed the black door, which made a small draft that sent the Star Wars posters rippling down the wall. "They cut a deal with Cocacola: no more Pepsi products are sold on this campus." He pointed at the half-empty can of Mountain Dew sitting in the midst of physics papers for

emphasis. Jim didn't own a car and realized the implications of not being able to buy his caf-



feinated nectar at the bookstore anymore. Unlike every other crisis that Mark had brought in that black door, Jim immediately reacted to this one. "This is war. Why did they do it?"

"Coke bought them new shot clocks for the basketball team in exchange for the two year deal."

"Barely," Mark raised his finger in thought. "You're right; this is war. I think I'll start writing a hate letter." Mark's favorite hobby was writing hate mail to people

who pissed him off. "Don't bother. This is way past hate letter stage."

"What do you have in mind?" Mark sat down in the spare chair to face Jim. Jim didn't study any more physics that night.

In preparation for any possible administrative retribution, Jim and Mark moved off-campus over the break. Two days

before classes, they began. "Bag-o-bottles." Mark said. "Check."

"Two empty two liters." "Got 'em."

"Peppers." "Aye aye."

"Water gun."

"Fishing line."

"Right here." "Green tights?"

"Death first." Jim snarled.

"Helmet of goodness." "Ready for action." Jim said. "So, do you want to build the

armor, or shall I?" "Oh, I think you're the better seamstress."

"Thanks; at least I can thread a needle."

"And cook and clean; you're awfully domesticated." The extent of Mark's cooking ability ended at making Ramen noodles.

"It's called survival. Speaking of which, here." Jim handed his friend the water gun and the empty two liters. "Ha, you'll have to sew, too, when you attach those two bot-

"That's what they make Goop for, " Mark countered, taking the materials and sitting down across the small living room. Jim sighed; Mark had claimed the easy job. He set out the Mountain Dew cans, already crushed in his father's can crusher back home. Using the leather punch on his Swiss knife, Jim made four holes at ninety degrees apart along the outer edge of each can. After making a hundred-odd punches, he had enough cans to begin. Tying the cans four in a row, he made several rows. From there, he tied the rows together with more of the heavy-duty ice fishing line. While Jim punched and tied,

Mark had the easier task of cutting the ends off the two soda bottles and test fitting them. The two worked through the night until, at three-thirty, they were finished.

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Critic's critic

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in regards to *The Critic* Volume 95- Issue 1, released on October 8th (in other words, your last issue), and, more specifically, the article on Professor James Doyle's retirement.

First of all, I think the article was well constructed, as it paid homage to a great man and an excellent teacher. But, for God's sake, you'd think you could spell the man's name correctly!

I think a misprint of this severity comes as a slap in the face, and it downgrades every nice thing you said about Professor Doyle. Who wants to read a publication that misspells the subject of its cover story? Not me.

Who, still, wants to constantly backtrack over what they are reading due to the multitude of spelling and grammatical errors present in every Critic?

I've often overlooked these errors, as I'm sure most of your readers have, but I felt this particular one needed to be addressed.

You've made a mockery of this man's time at LSC by not caring enough to check the spelling of his name.

Lyndon State College has won too many awards and honors to have its "student voice," as you call yourselves, conducting their operations like grade schoolers.

At this point, such mistakes are unacceptable.

Sincerely,

K.F. Samandari

Everyone's a critic

K.F. Samandari,

As someone who your letter does concern, I am writing a reply to your sharp criticism as to the content and the quality of *The Critic*.

One should understand that no one notices and is effected by the outcome of the critic more than the people who volunteer their time, effort, and hearts, to our simple college newspaper.

None of us are professionals in the newspaper business, or have a lot of experience in it. In fact we're all students from a variety of majors working for nothing more than to ensure that our students do have a voice, because otherwise the students would have none.

The staff of *The Critic*, if you notice the listing in the previous issue, are few, and the task of putting together a newspaper is not a small one. From the writing of every news story, each photograph taken and processed, editing, spelling, grammar, punctuation, even the spaces between the lines need attention. It is these few people who relinquish their limited free time for this

As for the article on Jim Doyle. We at *The Critic* equally share your appreciation and respect for the retiring professor, and NO ONE, including yourself was more unhappy to find that there was an error that occurred during the printing of the issue, after the paper was out of our hands.

No, we did not misspell his name, and no, we did not forget to finish the article.

We, the few members of The Critic, are ulti-

mately responsible for the quality of the final product. The mistakes that were made once, and then 1,000 times over, weigh heavily on our conscience. We apologize to Jim Doyle and our readers for this instance

So in response to your letter, K. F. Samandari, You might try, as Jim Doyle himself remarked, to "look at the cup as half full," or use your keen sense for detail to avoid these "unacceptable" mistakes and lend a hand.

For anyone who shares your view, and finds these errors impossible to overlook, your options are simple, complain until you're blue in the face. Or the next Critic meeting is on Monday, November 2, at 7:00pm in *The Critic* office. See you there.

Dana Gravelle Critic Staff

Is Student life policy double jeopardy??

There is a term that perfectly describes student life's new policy of writing up students for illegal activities from off campus. It's called double jeopardy. In the legal system, it means you can't be charged for the same crime twice. In this situation, it's when a student finds him/herself fined by the college judicial process at LSC after the legal system has finished with him/her. Granted, LSC's judicial process is not a substitute for the legal system, so administrative fines and sanctions do not constitute true double jeopardy. Now it gets into moral grounds. And administrative fine is a slap in the face after facing criminal charges only adds insult to injury.

The 1998-1999 Student Handbook states "the College is not a sanctuary from the police and courts" and that "In the event that a student has been accused and/or convicted of a criminal offense, the nature of which may present a clear and present danger of serious physical or mental harm tot he student, to any others of the College or surrounding community, to college property, the appropriate college official may impose such temporary sanctions as are necessary to protect the student, the College community, and/or property from such danger. In such cases, the student may be subject to further disciplinary action from within the College." These two quotes mean the college will turn people in to the police when necessary and will fine students when they present a "clear and present danger" to the campus. How does a student who was underage drinking at a party constitute a "clear and present danger" to the campus? How far will the college go in writing up students caught off campus? Will they fine any member of the college if caught in an illegal act? Will this include faculty and staff as well? What will be the geographic range of the college's ability to write people up for their crimes? I will conclude with this thought, this is the first time the college has used this "clause" in the handbook. Why? The eight hundred thousand dollar deficit may have the college so scared for money that-No, that's ridiculous; they're not that desperate, I hope.

Open letter to the first year students

This letter is to all the freshmen and anyone else who is looking for something more from their college experience. I'm extending an invitation to challenge your strength of character and develop your focus under the highest stress situations. No experience necessary. This is not just a job, it's not for everybody, it is a mission few can accept and fewer still can persevere. Grueling exposure to the elements, physical exertion, hazardous environments, structured and detailed objectives, all performed while keeping a detailed body of knowledge in the foremost of your thoughts.

Not only is this experience available to you, it's on your campus 365 days a year. I'm talking about Lyndon Rescue, an organization that was formed in 1972 in response to a tragic campus incident. LSC students managed, trained, and staffed rescue for twenty four years. A volunteer ambulance that serves your fellow students and the community at large (248 square miles of it). We want you to come ride along with us for a day, get to see what we're about. If you want to be one of the few rescuers on campus keeping the tradition alive, think about joining us in membership.

I addressed the first year students particularly because you have the most to gain. I speak from experience, I was a first year here at LSC in the late 80's and was able to be a part of the squad, four years later I was an EMT Crew chief / Driver. Now I have returned, ten years to the season, to assist in managing Lyndon Rescue. In a lot of ways it is like my freshman year again. So much has changed on campus; the people, the pool. What happened to library roof??? Most importantly where are the college rescuers? The camaraderie of training nights, the quiet self confident crew chiefs just back from a nasty car crash, or the red sweatshirts could all be a thing of the past.

If you got the salt to achieve success in the face of great adversity, or can sustain the clarity of thought demanded for administering treatment in the bedlam of a strangers tragedy, or the compassion to ease the suffering of someone's family member then I invite you to come down to rescue, call us at 626-1101, or stop by my table in the dining hall (I'm the one wearing the red sweatshirt) and talk to me or any of us about riding along and seeing what we do first hand. The memories will last a lifetime.

Jeremy O'Neil Class of `92



Illustration by Jeremy McMullen

Down Out T

By Jason Scherer

gaze upon the oasis that lay before me, a bottle of Bordeaux among bottles of Thunderbird. Wal-Mart awaits.

I love the smell of good-old-fashioned American capitalism in the morning. The smell rises in my nostrils and conjures a plethora of pleasant images: gleaming skyscrapers housing millions of cubicles, thousands of faceless executives in various shades-of-grey Armani suits babbling into cellular phones, and hundreds of cash registers lined up, manned by high school students, housewives, and semi-retired laborers ushering the teeming crowds of rabid shoppers along.

The images gone, I open my eyes, and the last image becomes reality. My heart swells with joy.

I'm originally from the city; I'm accustomed to such things as "department stores." In this area, however, such a creature is a rare species. The parking lot, roughly three times the size of the store, teems with wide-eyed locals, gazing with wonder at the monument to the modern era.

Many arguments have been put forth against Wal-Mart. "They'll destroy small business!" Some scream. "They're anti-union. They don't care about the workers!" Others claim.

My response to these claims is two-fold:

- 1. You're right.
- 2. So what?

These claims are all the basic truths of American economics. Stronger businesses put smaller, weaker businesses to pasture. This cycle continues until only larger businesses exist; hence, the existence of corporations.

Therefore, if you say that Wal-Mart will devour your business, you are conceding that your business cannot adequately service your customers.

Don't get me wrong (as many people often do) — I enjoy country stores and mom and pop businesses. The fact that their products are homegrown and handmade adds a personal touch, a warmth that helps to connect people.

However, at Wal-Mart, rows and rows of identical products gleam like precious gems in the pale, sickly glow of fluorescent lights. I know about the quality of those products; they're made with machine precision. I know what a Hershey Bar tastes like; I don't know if Joe Schmo of Vermont's chocolate bars will please my palette.

People should be thankful for the homogeneity of Wal-Mart; it's a known quantity. The same products will be available at any Wal-Mart, and the basic design of the store is the same throughout the world.

The claim that Wal-Mart creates jobs holds truth; everyone who loses their job because of a new store opening in town can go and apply. When other businesses are gone, Wal-Mart can expand even further as part of their good old-fashioned American plan for eventual world domination, so jobs are always available. Not only is the safety and satisfaction of the customer assured, unemployment is virtually eliminated. Soon everyone will be wearing a red apron and round button with a smiley face that says, "Associate in training learning to serve you!"

Unfortunately, I can't. I used to work for a Wal-Mart as a third shift shelf stocker. I wasn't a laborer, of course; I was an "associate." Part of the Wal-Mart manifesto is that there is no such thing as employees of the company; the employees are the company, and each sixteen year old working ten hours a week after school helps to make the corporation what it is.

I left the company before my prescribed term of employment ended. My "Team Manager" and I didn't see eye to eye; she stood a bit shorter than I, so we saw eye to chest. We ended up on different teams, and hers won in the bottom of the ninth. Consequently, I can never work for any Wal-Mart store or Wal-Mart business ever again. I guess that's to protect other employees from my corrupt taint.

There is no union of Wal-Mart workers. Unions are not discouraged, of course; Wal-Mart is "pro-associate," and sees unions as unnecessary, because workers are like a family. They are so pro-associate, in fact, that they offer employees the chance to buy stock with their near minimum wages. I suppose that's so they can have money in the future as opposed to right now.

Three stores in the nation do have store-only unions. When the most recent unionization occurred, the human resources manager at that store cried, saying that this was like a personal attack on her. She should have known that family members specialize in personal

I guess we just have to keep in mind that the homogeneity, vastness, and cannibalistic spirit of Wal-Mart are perfectly in keeping with good-old-fashioned American philosophies. In fact, nothing else could be more American; even Wal-Mart's colors are red, white and blue.

In the end, I believe the most important question is this: given a choice between Bordeaux and Thunderbird, which one are most people going to choose?

Jason Scherer is the editor of The Lyndon Review and has published several articles and stories.

1998-1999enrollment

The final enrollment numbers of the 1998-1999 school year were released last week for the Registrar's office. According to the Registrar, Richard Lee, enrollment is down by 70 students from last year.

	1998-1999	1997-1998
Total	1159	1229
Undergraduates	1102	1163
Vermont Resident	676	700
Out of State	207	227
NEBHE	214	240
Good Neighbor	62	62



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Literary Society

By MarciAnn Mayer

The Lyndon State College Literary Society is currently accepting submissions for the club's literary magazine, The Lyndon Review. The Review has proven itself a creative outlet for LSC students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the surrounding communities. Submissions of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, artwork, and photography will be accepted for The Review until November 6, 1998 at 12 noon. Submissions can me mailed to:

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LSC President Carol Moore Addresses Lyndon Chamber of Commerce

By Ed Dean

Dr. Carol Moore, president of Lyndon State College was the featured speaker at the Lyndonville Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting held Tuesday morning at Avery's Cafe. The president told the Chamber of Commerce members that the college is currently developing new approaches to marketing, to deal with the issue of declining enrollment at Lyndon State College.

"We're actually doing a number of parallel things. The first thing is to try to get some better understanding of why we had an enrollment decline this year after a record year last year," Dr. Moore told the Chamber of Commerce members. "So we've been gathering a lot of informational data, analyzing where the students came from this year, where they didn't come from," she explained.

According to President Moore,

a drastic decline in the number of students enrolled at LSC from Massachusetts is due to the fact that Massachusetts has aggressively cut tuition costs at their community colleges and beefed up tuition assistance in order to keep their students "in-state."

"Massachusetts has been very aggressive, from a business standpoint, with their higher education. They have made some very aggressive cuts in tuition as well as aggressive funding for tuition assistance for students to keep their students in-state," said Moore. "I happened to be at a conference in Boston this last week, and New Hampshire is about to do the same policy. Those two things project that if we do not follow suit, we will be in serious trouble in terms of our educational enrollment," she told them.

"The other thing that we're doing right now is putting together a much more aggressive marketing

approach for the coming year and the spring," Moore said. The president of the college also assured the Chamber of Commerce members that she is planning on having business leaders from the community on a college advisory board that will address ways to tap into the adult community, and the possible retooling of training programs for businesses.

When one of the Chamber of Commerce members asked her if Castleton or Johnson State had experienced declines in enrollment, Moore told him that they did not experience a significant decline in enrollment but did notice a decline in out-of-state students.

"But that seems to be a bit of a trend within the state," added Dr. Moore. "In fact, just in the paper last night, there was an article about New Hampshire experiencing the same thing — a decline in students coming in from Massachusetts. And it's pretty easy

to see why. Massachusetts had made it possible for students to go to the community colleges there virtually free by cutting tuition and providing tuition assistance."

The president of the college also noted that the success of the very popular meteorology and communications broadcast programs at Lyndon State College has inspired other out-of-state schools to start up their own programs in a bid to keep their students in-state. "Other states have noticed that our meteorology and communications programs have been very popular and so they're copying some of those programs and with the tuition incentives that other states surrounding us are providing their students, it's only a matter of time when parents are going to say, 'Why go there? Stay home where it's less expensive and you have a program that's the same type of thing," Moore said.

Dean Faces off with Dwyer, Williams at LSC

By Nathan West

Lyndonville—Democratic incumbent Governor Howard Dean got the cold shoulder as he arrived for the October 23, 1998 debate at Lyndon State College's Alexander Twilight Theater.

Over 50 of Republican challenger Ruth Dwyer's supporters rallied outside the theater protesting Dean and his policies. Many refused to shake hands with the Governor as he walked by. One man yelled in his face while others turned their backs to him literally and silently held signs reading "Go back to Private Practice," "Live Free or Dean," "Home Rule for the Northeast Kingdom," and "I'm From a Gold Town Who Can't Even Afford Tin."

Dean had beefed up security after hearing that the Property Owners Standing Together (P.O.S.T.) were going to be in attendance to protest Act 15, the heavy timber cutting law. P.O.S.T. had also parked logging trucks outside the debate to enforce their message.

Dean's main political opponent, Ruth Dwyer, was given a much more warm reception as a red carpet was rolled out and flowers presented by former Republican state Sen. John McClaughry. News crews from WCAX-TV and LSC-TV followed her into the debate, which was sponsored in a joint venture by the Caledonian-Record and the Lyndon State College Social Science Department.

The candidates, including Vermont Grassroots Party gubernatorial candidate Joel Williams, were introduced via WCAX-TV News Director Marselis Parsons, who served as moderator. Also in attendance were four panel journalists, Gail Montany of the Caledonian-Record, Jack Hoffman of the Vermont Press Bureau, Nancy Remsen of the Burlington Free Press, and Ross Sneyd of the Associated Press. Three rounds of questions were meted out to the candidates which then gave way to queries from the audience who had written them down on cards. Candidates were given one minute to respond, unless a question was directly asked, whereby then the other two opponents were given a 30 second rebuttal.

Main issues raised in the debate included Dwyer and Williams' opposition to Act 60, the highly divisive educational funding law which the Governor supported. Both Williams and Dwyer voiced that government should stay out of Vermonters' lives and reduce regulation on individual rights, except, in Dwyer's view, abortion.

The issue of women's reproductive rights brought Williams to quip, as he did for much of the debate, that "I think women have the right to reproduce." On a more serious note, however, Williams stated that the decision to abort was between a woman, her doctor and God. His position was echoed by Dean. Dwyer, although, stated that she was against abor-

tion, seeing it was a civil rights issue. Dwyer said she supported paternal notification and was for prohibiting partial-birth abortions.

When talk of the state's reserve funds arose, Dwyer was against Dean's idea of holing the \$75 million in various accounts in case the economy turns sour and tax revenues deepen. She wished for the money to be given back to the tax payers, a sentiment supported by Williams.

Same-sex marriage, however, divided Dwyer and Williams, who seemed to go hand-in-hand on many issues. Dwyer stated she was opposed to homosexual marriages and also adoption by gay couples. Dean was vague on the issue, but hinted that he was sympathetic to the issue. Williams stated that once again government should stay out of people's lives.

Dean promised a large program to subsidize child care and child care salaries. Ruth Dwyer said she was not an advocate of more state supported child care. Later, Dean praised his choices of Vermont Supreme Court justices, where Dwyer stated that they lacked "a lot of practical experience" and that she would elevate sitting judges to the top of the court

Another concern raised was the possible monopoly by Casella Waste Management of the trash hauling business. All candidates supported Casella, despite Dean comparing the situation to the Federal Court case against Microsoft. Dwyer and Williams were worried about the effects on small trash haulers and blamed Act 78, the solid waste law, on the monopoly issue.

Dwyer and Williams also announced they were all for school choice, including parochial schools. Dean stated he was for public school choice only, even after Dwyer mentioned that the Vermont Student Assistant Corporation (VSAC) gave money to students going to private, even parochial schools.

This led to a series of questions surrounding the lack of funding by the Vermont Legislature toward the Vermont State College system and the University of Vermont. Dwyer and Williams whole heartedly stated that they, if governor, would raise more funding for the VSA. Dean, however, evaded a direct answer, giving a vague statement that basically left funding where it was at.

Private property rights and individual liberty were topics raised again and again, specifically by Dwyer and Williams. Dwyer's closing remarks focused on that theme: "I don't think Vermont will be the same place again if we let out freedom go. We won't get back all the values and traditions we cherished all those years and won't get back out freedoms and we certainly won't get back our property if we lose it."

Volunteerism pays off

By Sharon Smith

A group of Lyndon students are currently doing their part to help Vermont's future.

Led by Senior, Craig Giles, nine LSC students are participating in the Nellie Mae One More Step Program.

This program "targets 12 (or more) ninth grade students from each of six Vermont high schools who are at-risk of not graduating from high school and highly unlikely to attend college."

The Lyndon group is working with Oxbow High School in Bradford, Vermont.

The college mentors work with the students to show and teach them about the options available to them in regards to continuing their education after high school.

Some of the concerns the students have include, financial aid, entrance requirements, the type of institution that fits their interests best, choosing a major, and taking

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the right courses for their chosen major.

LSC also participates in an overnight program to show the Oxbow students what campus life is all about.

St. Michael's College, Champlain College, Trinity College, Middlebury College, and UVM are also participants in the OMS program.

Hazen High School in Hardwick, Vermont is a participating school in the One More Step Program, however there are not enough LSC mentors to serve Hazen also.

Giles is looking for people interested in mentoring at Hazen during the year; transportation issues can be worked out and the schedule is flexible. Anyone interested in mentoring can contact Craig Giles at: gilesc@mail.lsc.vsc.edu or Jonathon Davis in the Volunteerism office on the second floor of Vail.

By Abigail Forgues

No full time faculty will be asked to resign nor, at this time, will spring semester courses be eliminated. Richard Lee of Academic Affairs said, "I have heard of no major changes." Lee also explained that courses would not be canceled but rather adjusted based upon student enrollment in them. The adjustments will be made after every student has scheduled classes for the spring semester. Canceling classes, according to Lee, will not improve the problems concerning the budget but will in turn upset students creating more problems. He said, "We don't want to make the students unhappy, so that they will go away."

Paul Tero, the Academic Dean was in agreement with Richard Lee. He stated that there would be no layoffs at this time. This doesn't mean, however, that there will be a need to keep all of the part time faculty on board. He said, "there will be some small reduction in overload faculty and, therefore, will be less need for adjuncts." Tero assures students that there is no need to worry. All of the classes that students need to

graduate will be offered.

Both gentlemen stressed that students don't need to be concerned about losing professors or the courses required for their majors.

LSC Phone Receptionist becomes Computerized

The Information booth/switchboard is going automated, tentatively Wednesday November 5th. At a meeting held by Charles Lacaillade, Director of Security, on October 28th, student switchboard were operators were informed that their positions were obsolete. Mary Davenport, LSC switchboard operator and receptionist is retiring, and her position will not be replaced. The automated answering system will take the place of the human operators.

The decision to automate the switchboard was due to Ms. Davenport's retirement and an effort to be at the same level of technology as the other Vermont State Colleges that already have automated phone services.

Some students and switchboard operators are concerned that the level of service to students, staff, faculty, alumni, community, and potential students might suffer with an automated system rather than an operator.

Student switchboard operators were officially told on Wednesday the 28th, one week before the system is supposed to be in place.

Everyone at LSC should know next week whether this system and its technology really are an improvement.

Blood Drive at Lyndon State College

By Abigail Forgues

Sixty-five Lyndon State College students gave blood during the Red Cross blood drive on October 14th in the LSC gym. Many of the sixty-five students were first time donors. The Red Cross said that with the concern of blood supply shortage in Vermont, they were encouraged by student's enthusiasm at the recent drive. Although thirteen pints of blood were denied, sixty-five students along with seventy other

donors produced one hundred and twenty-two productive pints of blood. A nurse associated with the blood drive said, "The hope is that once a person who has never donated before donates, the incredible feeling that they get after will bring them back to donate again." The next drive will be held on December 9th at the VFW. Everyone is encouraged to go and donate!

Student Government involvement makes a difference

By Sharon Smith

This year in Student Government, much emphasis has been placed on positive student involvement here on campus, and so far, it's working.

Despite the late start that this year's Student Association had, they have already gone beyond the expectations that most had for them by developing several new committees.

This year's Student Government is advised by Trish Turner-Seadale and Jonathon Davis, with strong involvement from the Dean of Students, Sher Hruska.

The officers are President, Sharon Smith, Vice-President and Speaker of the House, Jason Hatch, Treasurer, Mike Fitzpatrick, Secretary Dina Freedman and House of Representatives Sergeant at Arms, Kristy Samiagio.

Chaired by Sophomore Senator, Alexandra Carlson, Senate had developed a handbook committee to discuss and make recommendations to administration in regards to any clarifications or questions that have arisen in regards to the Student Handbook.

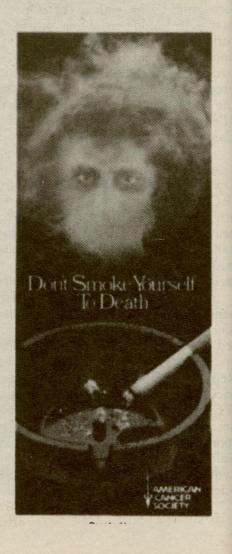
Chaired by Freshman Senator, Rick Cloutier, Senate also has reactivated a committee that was developed to discuss and act upon issues regarding Aramark.

Senate is currently working with the Vermont State College Student Association to address issues of tuition relief and campus security.

For any interested juniors, there are currently two open positions; all that are interested please come to the next Senate meeting, Wednesday nights at 9:15 in ATT-

All Senate meetings are open to the public and students with questions or concerns are encouraged to attend.





President and Faculty Discuss Future of the College

By Stacy Patterson

The President met with faculty to discuss issues that have been concerning them. The President started the meeting off by asking for comments. The general consensus wanted to know why the projections for incoming students were so off track. The reason, the President said, was that late registrants didn't come, people dropped out because of a lack of financial aid, or basically they didn't show up for their registration dates. This statement bothered many of the faculty in the room.

Kurt Singer, an English professor, stated that the college was "rolling the wrong heads." He complained about the lack of communication from the Central Office located in Waterbury. President Moore stated that the Chancellors office has been very supportive and forthcoming with information. She did say that the college has paired back on expens-

es for example machinery and trucks.

President Moore said she would like the college to be represented more like a private college, rather than a public one. She believes that the college should, "think and do business like a private institution and not rely on state government."

Metin Yersel said that the climate of the college is bad. He wondered if the college looked at getting rid of a dean, rather than the little people. He said that students, "disliked the atmosphere so much they are going to leave after one semester." He stated that the administration is not communicating with the faculty, students and that they are just dictating terms to everyone. The President rebutted by saying that she makes no apologies. She is sorry that students feel that way but she has asked for suggestions and tells everyone that her door is always open. She also stated that part of the atmosphere problem is the faculties responsibility and that everyone should be involved in the process.

When asked if the college could have cut more materials to save jobs, the answer was no. Jim Doyle responded by saying that the administration should have showed the budget figures to the faculty earlier to help them understand where the money goes to and where things were cut.

Talks about the legislation or the other state colleges helping us out, the President said, "it's irresponsible to believe someone will write a check for more than a couple thousand dollars." She also said, "Take responsibility for yourself. The focus is here and how we can take care of ourselves." Lyndon cannot give out grants or do any fundraising to try and help the budget crisis because there is a law dealing with that issue in Vermont.

Alan Boye then asked if a voluntary pay cut from the administration was an option that had been explored. The President responded by saying, "that was not the most prudent thing to do." The option is still on the table along with other options.

The President stressed that the only way Lyndon State College was going to be successful in the future is to create new programs to attract students. "Without new programs, you aren't going to get back on your feet" said the President. The President wants to start master programs in Health and Sciences, Occupational Therapy, eccelerated degree completions, weekend and evening classes, and maybe even courses on-line.

There were many helpful ideas brought up in the meeting and a lot of clarification on certain issues for both the administrators and the faculty.

WWLR Transmitter down Temporarily

by Jason Sherer

Avid radio listeners may have noticed a gap in their listening habits recently. WWLR, the college's 3,000 watt studentrun radio station, experienced a transmitter shutdown at 6:25 the morning of October 19th. The station has not been broadcasting since.

"The low pass filter on the transmitter broke," says Jamie Dennis, the engineer and Program Director at WWLR. "Basically, a 3,000 watt arc hit a large copper tube."

According to Dennis, there have been problems with the transmitter, which is located on Vail Hill, since day one.

Currently, station management is investigating all their options. "We want to fix it so that we can stay on for the rest of the year," says Fred Placey, the station's general manager. "Then we can take the rest of the year to fundraise for a new transmitter."

Costs on repairs so far are around 1,000 dollars. WWLR needs anywhere between 15,000 and 30,000 dollars to purchase a new transmitter.

"We're still forming a committee to look into possible fundraising strategies," says Placey. "Some suggestions that been given are benefit concerts and more aggressive underwriting strategies."

These problems for WWLR are not the first in the past few years. Last year, Lyndon's radio major finished its phasing out process when the last people in the major graduated. Concerns were voiced by some that the station could not be run without the major present.

It was pointed out that the station was completely student run before the major, and so no problems should surface.

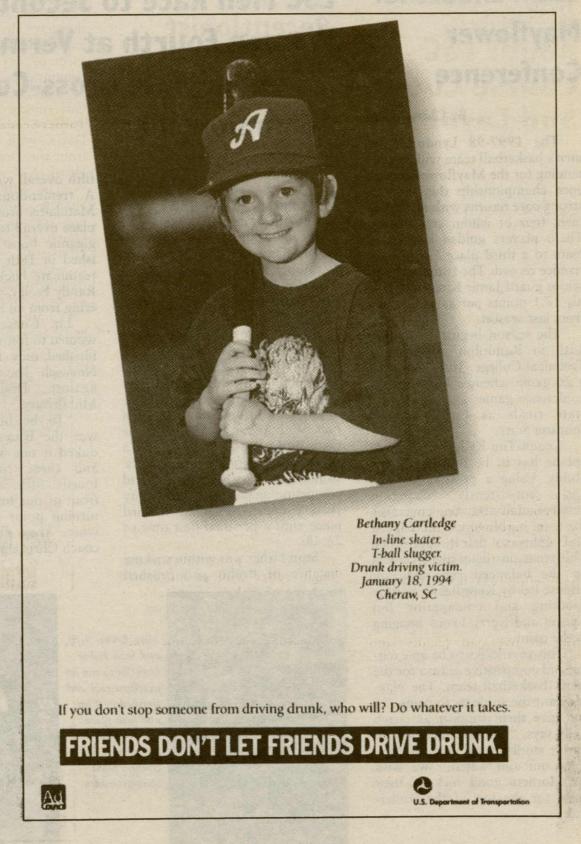
"People in the community are upset we aren't on air," says Brent MacAloney, the station's metal director. "A lot of people have said they'd rather listen to us than Magic."

WWLR does represent a wide variety of music, with everything from heavy metal shows to shows spotlighting world music and jazz.

"Really, there are only four stations in the area," says Placey. "I think we're more diverse in our format than most."

If the station cannot completely solve the problems with the transmitter, then even more attention will be focused towards fundraising for a new transmitter.

"We just want to be able to go up for the rest of the year," said Dennis. "We'll see what happens after that."



Hornets Hockey Fights To Victory

The 1998-1999 Lyndon State Hockey Team opened the season with an impressive hard fought 5-3 win against Daniel Webster College Eagles on October 24th.

The scoring began midway through the first period when Jeff Garcia scored on a great pass from Rick Dow to give the Hornets an early 1-0 lead. Shortly thereafter Brian Clarke made it a two goal game going into the second period. Ten minutes into the second period Vinnie Forgione scored his first of two goals of the night. Down by three goals, Daniel Webster made a solid come back tying the game at three at the end of the second period. With the game up for grabs in the third period the Hornets defense tightened up led by goalie Chris Norway who had an amazing 67 save performance. With

2:34 remaining in the game, Vinnie Forgione scored his second goal giving the Hornets a 4-3 advantage. With 1:33 remaining and Daniel Webster on the ropes, the Hornets landed the knock out punch in the form of Rick Dow, scoring his first goal of the season.

With a solid group of return-

With a solid group of returning players and with the leadership of first year coach Gary Ducott the Hornets are ready for another exciting season. On Friday October 30th, the Hornets take to the ice against Southern Connecticut at the Fenton Chester Arena. An early season test will be on November 7th at 6:30 when the Hornets take on the Coast Guard Academy at The Fenton Chester Arena. The Hornets beat Coast Guard in both games last year.

Lyndon State College 1998-99 Home Hockey Schedule

Date	Day	Time
Opponent		
October 30	FRI	9:15
Southern Conn.		
November 7	SAT	6:30
Coast Guard Acd.		
November 13	FRI	9:15
Springfield		
November 14	SAT	6:30
Franklin Pierce		
November 20	FRI	9:15
Conn. College		
November 21	SAT	6:30
Bryant		
December 4	FRI	9:15
U.N.H.		
January 16	SAT	6:30
T.B.A.		
January 29	FRI	9:15
Daniel Webster		
February 3	WED	8:00
Colby Sawyer		
February 6	SAT	6:30
Bates		
February 20	SAT	6:30
T.B.A.		

Mens basketball team shoots for Mayflower Conference

By Chris Austin

The 1997-98 Lyndon State men's basketball team will be contending for the Mayflower conference championship this year. A strong core returns with ten lettermen, four of whom are starters. These players guided last year's team to a third place 7-5 in conference record. The team is led by senior guard Jamie Kingsbury and his 17.1 points per game average from last season.

The season begins November 12th in Randolph at Vermont Technical College. The team plays a 26 game schedule including 12 conference games against such in state rivals as Castleton and Johnson State.

Coach Tim Kelly uses the talent he has to be the best of his ability. Using a pressing defense and consistently changing between man and zone coverages the team is able to use their speed and agility to defeat opponents. This tenacious defensive style sets up the balanced run and gun offense led by Kingsbury's outside shooting and co-captains Jim Nelson and Kerry Lyons banging in the paint.

This year looks to be an exciting and competitive season for the men's basketball team. The players want the students to come out and give them support as coach Kelly says, "It's a good cheap fun for the students and their families, come out and watch." We wish the Hornets good luck in their quest for the top of the conference.

LSC Men Race to Second, Women Fourth at Vermont Intercollegiate Cross-Country Championships

By Ed Dean

Williston, Vt— The Lyndon State College men's x-c team rose to the occasion to nab a historic second-place team finish at the Vermont Intercollegiate Cross-Country Championships held at the Catamount Family Center on October 7th.

LSC's Mike Bruhn pushed the pace for the first two miles. A group of three runners composed of Bruhn, a Middlebury runner and a Norwich harrier played catand-mouse for about a mile and a half. With about a mile left in the race, Bruhn was left behind by a surge from the other two runners. Bruhn, who is 38-years-old and competing against runners twenty years younger, ended up in third place with a personal best time of 26:48.

Sean Fisher was within striking distance of Bruhn and finished

fifth overall with a time of 27:16. A tremendous effort by Barry Matulaitis brought him into 10th place overall to give the Hornets a gigantic boost. Chris Spears finished in 18th place for LSC and teammate Nick Savoie took 21st. Randy Feeley, who was still recovering from an illness, placed 24th.

Liz Chase paced the LSC women to fourth place as the team finished only four points behind Norwich. The women were racing against Division II power Middlebury.

"To be honest, Middlebury was the better team today. We duked it out with their one, two and three runners, but their fourth, fifth, and sixth were in front of our fourth. That was the turning point right there. That's where they got us," said LSC coach Chris Ummer.



Mike Bruhn (left), and Sean Fisher (right)both ran an excellent race and finished in third and fifth place respectively for the Mens Crosscountry team championships.



Hornets Baseball team looking good

By Sean Fisher

The New York Yankees winning the World Series, Mark McGuire setting a new home run mark, and Cal Ripken setting a record for the most consecutive games played, you would have to say that this is a year to remember in baseball. Wait...what about the Hornets?.

The Hornets baseball team is looking very good this year. With a roster of twenty-two players the Hornets have great depth and a lot of skill. Jay Lamonte, team captain, leads the Hornets back into the swing of things. Returning players like Josh Sylvester, Tom Nutting, Sean Clough, Jim Brooks, Travis Taylor, and Gary Calkins will help provide the experience and knowledge that will help the Hornets keep the team alive. Some very important people that can't be forgotten on this important roster would have to include some freshman. "This year we have a good talented freshman class that will have a great impact" replies Jay Lamonte. Jason Grimes, Chris Brosseau, and Ryan Farley will help the Hornets have a strong infield, while Ryan Morgan provides coverage in the outfield.

The team right now is preparing for their spring season. Their biggest goal is to have a record of .500 or over and to take two games from Castleton in the playoffs. This would allow the Hornets to travel to Delaware and compete with the best teams in the region.

LSC Cross-Country Teams Win Championship **Crowns at Mayflower Conference!**

By Ed Dean

Johnson, Vt—— For the first time since 1992, the Lyndon State men's cross-country team outran Castleton and Johnson to win the Mayflower Conference championship crown on October 24th. The LSC Hornets also won the women's championship title to make it a clean sweep of Conference Titles for Lyndon State.

The Hornet harriers' double win marks the first time ever that LSC cross-country teams have swept the Mayflower Conference Championships.

The Hornets ran tough to overcome the rugged terrain of Johnson's home course which has proved problematic for the Hornets in the past. "Johnson's course is extremely difficult," observed LSC coach Chris Ummer. "Lyndon's is rated 4.5 in difficulty and without a doubt theirs is harder, probably about a 4.7. The muddy conditions slowed times down tremendously. But it was a real good team effort; the guys knew ahead of time Johnson wasn't going to lay down and give up; the guys focused on dominating Johnson on their course."

LSC senior Sean Fisher took control of the lead at the mile mark and refused to relinquish it, winning the race with a time of 29:58. Mike Bruhn, another LSC senior, was the Hornets' second man in. Bruhn finished third overall in 30:40. Third man to cross the finish line for the Hornets was LSC senior Chris "Crispy" Spears who took fourth place at 31:25.

"Chris never ceases to amaze me," said Ummer. "Just when you think he's at his limit. He just comes through, just a really good effort on his part."

Randy Feeley was the Hornets fourth man in and Nick Savoie the fifth man to finish for the Hornets. "Both Randy and Nick showed continued improvement. They're freshman, but they're not freshman anymore. Those five just ran

an exceptional race," said Úmmer. As an added highlight to an already awesome day for the Hornets, Coach Ummer noted that for the first time in the history of LSC cross-country running, the LSC men's team received votes for the Top 25 National Ranking. "It's never happened for Johnson, never happened to Castleton!" exclaimed Ummer. "Two weeks in a row we

were in the best overall team times. First week 20th, second week 23rd."

Leading the way to victory for the Hornet women was Liz Chase who ran to third place in 23:57. Chase was running in second place for half of the race but faded to third. "Liz is preparing to compete as an individual for the Nationals, and I think she is doing a great job. You can't count Melissa Maher out of Nationals either," said Ummer.

The Hornets will take to the trails again on November 7th at the Catamount Center in Williston, Vt where they will compete in the Northeast Regional Championships, a qualifying race for the Nationals.

Score One for the Good Guys!

Mens Soccer team wins game to enter NAIA playoffs

By Ethan Magoon

Being here at Lyndon for 4 years I've seen my fair share of men's soccer home games. I tried out for the team a couple years ago and probably could have made the cut, but there were younger and more dedicated players genuinely better than I ever could be. Anyway, the real story here is that the Men's Soccer team ripped up the score board Wednesday shutting out Notre Dame College 4-0.

This season has been the first I've been able to attend every home game without skipping to many

Wednesday's match was crucial

for the Hornets. It governed whether or not the team would make it to the NAIA Regular Season Playoffs. Perhaps the players were saving the best showing and playing for the last game. Anyone who was in attendance at this match will agree, Lyndon without a doubt played the best home game of the season. Shawn Gerow started the game off chalking one up for Lyndon, and setting off the onslaught by the rest of the team against Notre Dame. It's always a good game when Gerow scores. The rest of the first half was filled with fluid passing, and fast break plays- all commonplace for the talented and diverse Lyndon team. Mike Pellitier racked up a goal further lengthening the gap 2-0 in the soggy first half against Notre Dame. Ronnie Rivard ended the first half with a spectacular goal putting Lyndon up 3-0.

Lyndon started the second half just as strong as the first. Even with a 3-0 lead over Notre Dame, the Hornets refused to let their guard down. They played with all the flair and composure of the MLS Chicago Fire. It was a great game to watch despite the fading light and cold drizzle. The game was a battle Lyndon was going to win, and the team knew it. After a

few controversial Yellow Cards given to the players and many choice words from the Fans to the Referees, the Hornets sealed the win with another goal from Pellitier. The Lyndon Team showed that they know the game inside and out.

Some final thought Guys, go kick ass in the playoffs and make Lyndon proud! You guys have the talent, skill, and focus needed to make it in the playoffs. I've enjoyed the years of great soccer you've all brought to the school and hope you'll have fun. Win! Win! Win! You guys deserve it!

1998 Fall Intramural Statistics

MENS BASKETBALL

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HOUNDS 1/0 MOTO'S MONKEYS 0/1 CHICK MAGNETS 0/4 BAKED POTATOES 0/2

WOMENS FLAG FOOTBALL

9/16 BRAINIACS DEF. CLUELESS (21-0)

COED FLAG FOOTBALL

9/29 CLUELESS (TIED) BRAINIACS (12-12) **MENS STREET HOCKEY**

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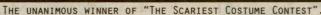
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LSC Halloween Events

By Mark Tarello

A lot going on around the Lyndon State Campus as we go into the Halloween weekend. No tricks, but loads of treats in terms of savings at the College bookstore. Right up till Halloween you will save 25% off items storewide, excluding textbooks and software. On Friday, it's free candy at the bookstore!

The students associated with the Campus Activities Board have been gearing up for a huge Halloween dance. There will be toms of music and fun with a video screen, and a costume contest for your chance to win Burke Mountain ski passes. The dance will take place in the Stannard

Gym this Friday, October 30th from 8pm till 12pm.

If that's not enough, Saturday, October 31st s Psychic Fair will be the theme in the student center from noon till 5pm. There will be a professional palm reader and a characature artist right through the afternoon.

Overall lots to do as we head into Friday and Saturday, and the best part.... the weather forecast for Halloween evening is looking like a treat with partly cloudy skies and temperatures near 40 degrees.

One last note: Anyone interested in joining C.A.B. (Campus Activities Board) is welcome to stop by the C.A.B. office in the student center, Wednesday at 6pm.



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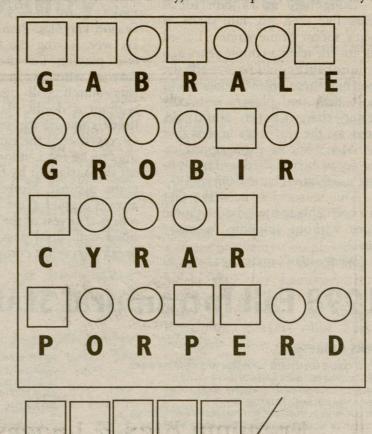
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The Adventures of MOUNTAIN DEW MAN By Jason Hatch

By the day the students returned to campus in early January, everyone knew about the deal with Coke. The students talked among themselves, as Mark and Jim had a month before. However, those two were the only people ready to do anything about the policy change.

The college president had already left once for the day but had to return for a time, since it was a Thursday, and he had an all-adminis-

tration meeting in the evening. In the upper portion of the main parking lot, Jim sat behind the wheel of Mark's car, with Mark next to him. "We agreed even days of the week were mine." "I know, but I was hoping we were going to wait one more day," Jim said.

"Yes, but this way, we'll have tomorrow

for people to talk about this."

"True," Jim conceded. He pointed out the window. "Better go." Mark nodded, opened the door to the black 1984 Topaz with the red interior, no guts, and less exhaust, and fot out.

and got out. President Jones had just ended one of the longest days of his three-year stay at the college. Practically every student on campus had called to complain about the monopoly with the damn sodas. It was also the topic of choice at the monthly meeting of the deans and directors. It had seemed like such a small thing when he'd made the deal with Coke. Like every other teenage gripe, they'd forget this and find something else to complain about next week, he figured. He stepped around the corner of his new Saab sedan, a sporty little thing, fully decked out in chrome and leather. He was very proud of his car. Looking it over, he scowled at a soda can perched on the hood. Brats, he thought. Jones reached for the can and heard a voice. "You'll only mar the finish." The president snapped his head around

to see an unexpected shadow from behind the trunk. The shadow stood. Jones looked at the person, not quite knowing what to think. The masked figure had some sort of hat with hoses coming off of it, one of them ran through a mask made from a soda bottle that covered his mouth. There was a chest plate, apparently made out of crushed soda

cans. His right arm was covered with two soda bottles that ended with a glove-covered hand and a water gun. A white bandanna and a green sheet formed a dual cape off his shoulders. It read: Mountain Dew. He faced the president. "Who are you?" The figure paused, moved his head slightly to take a sip from the hose. A greenish-yellow liquid flowed through the airline tubing. He looked the president in the eyes. "I'm Mountain Dew Man. And you're in serious trouble."

To be continued...

Clinton Declares November "Get Some Lovin' Month"

By Jason Scherer

Disclaimer: What you are about to read is not true. Well, maybe it is. A little. After all, every fiction has some grain of truth. And what is truth, anyway? Can anyone give an objective definition of objectivity? I can't. Anyway, don't take what follows seriously.

In a historic move on Tuesday, President Clinton signed a bill declaring November "National Get Some Lovin' Month".

"Americans seem to have forgotten what is important," Clinton said. "We all need to take some time out and get some lovin'."

The bill came after a marathon summit attended by many world leaders. The summit was held at Clinton's favorite McDonald's in Washington. World Leaders gorged themselves on grease and cholesterol and debated about the merits of the proposed bill.

"This is a major step towards making lovin' a regulated, sanctioned government activity," said the President of France. "I myself have five mistresses in an attempt to get significant lovin'. Sometimes, we all get to share the lovin' at once. Those are special days."

The summit was held in response to a recent Gannet News poll, which showed a thirty percent drop in participation in lovin'-related activities among Americans. The poll showed the greatest drop among those ages 18-24.

"It is my firm belief that these figures almost constitute an emergency situation," Clinton said, forming his words around a mouthful of Big Mac and supersized fries. "When people aren't participating in lovin', they are prone to crankiness and unpredictability, which leads directly to an increase in the crime rate."

The bill includes provisions for setting aside designated times during the month of November for lovin' related activities. Each day, each person is to make a true attempt at "getting a squeeze in". After this is achieved, people are to proceed to "getting jiggy with it", and reflect upon the answers to

important questions.

"Self-reflection and contemplation is a very important part of lovin'," said a spokesman for the White House.

Reaction to the bill has been mixed.

"I think it's disgusting," said Margaret Weisenhiemer. a 42-year old spinster from Kirksville, Missouri. "The fact that the government now needs to set aside specific times for us to try and satisfy our basic, animalistic needs is a sign of just how far out great country has degenerated." Weisenhiemer took a moment to feed one of her twenty-three cats and turn the VCR on to record a rerun of "One Life to Live." "I get along fine without that kind of sinful, lustful behavior."

Entrepreneurs in the adultentertainment business, on the other hand, have reacted with enthusiasm to the bill.

"Some people need a boost when it comes to their lovin'," said Greg Samson, the proprietor of "Greg's House of Leather, Pain, and Pleasure" in Boston, Massachusetts. "And then there ar the ugly people who can't get any lovin' with anyone else, no matter how hard they try. That's where I come in. My sales should skyrocket each November."

Other world leaders at the summit discussed possibly implementing similar bills in their own countries.

"We in France have also seem a drop in lovin," said the President of France. "I would like to implement this as a year long plan, setting time aside each day of the year for people to keep themselves happy"

Clinton closed the summit with an impassioned speech on the importance of lovin, and then got a McFlurry to-go. "As is evident in my personal life, lovin' is very important, and a necessity for the health of well-being of the country. If everyone would participate, then, in my opinion, we would all be happier as a nation."

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween from the staff of *The Critic!*



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Thinks RA needs to face the music

To Whom it may concern:

There was an incident this Halloween that has caused concern for LSC students. On Saturday, October 31, there was a Halloween party at the Wheelock Town Hall. There was a resident assistant in attendance along with numerous underage drinkers.

Although the RA was apparently not drinking, she did nothing to prevent others whom she knew were underage from drinking. It is common knowledge that a resident assistant should be a good example for not only their residents but all LSC students. They are supposedly models of authority and common sense as well as examples of good behavior.

The RA in question did not take her duties seriously by deciding to attend this party where she knew there would be illegal activities. She disregarded her responsibility to be a good example to other students. Her behavior violated their trust and robbed her of any authority she might have held over wrong-doers.

There are several RA's on this campus and I doubt that any of them would even consider attending a party where there was illegal activities involving LSC students, let alone alert people throughout the day of their plans to attend. This RA displayed extremely poor judgement in this matter and permanently tarnished her position as a figure of authority.

I do not believe that I would be in the school's best interests to maintain someone on the residential life staff that displays this kind of judgement. The RA has created a potentially detrimental situation to residential life on this campus. If this is permissible, where will the line be drawn? It is in un-proper form for the administration of this school not to act with permanence and conviction in this matter.

What if this RA went back to campus and joked with her residents or any residents for that matter about the great time they had at the Halloween party? This is not the behavior that should be tolerated among residential life staff.

The decision of the RA to attend this party was not only a critically poor one on her part but also serves as an injustice to her residents who trust her and rely on her. Since she was unimpaired at the party she will undoubtedly remember those whom she saw with beers in their hands. Although an RA has no authority to document students in an off-campus situation, this RA is now potentially biased against those students whom she now knows have been consumers of alcohol. This is an unfair situation to put residents in. It is impossible for this RA to be objective since she first laid eyes on a beer that night.

The resident assistant in question was serving as a designated driver. However instead of dropping her friend off, leaving and coming back to pick the friend up, she stayed at the party in the presence of illegal activity.

For the administration of this school not to act swiftly and drastically in this matter in unacceptable. We cannot condone this behavior from members of the residential life staff. The decision of this RA was in poor form and she must be held accountable for the mistake. When you are in a position of authority you do not take chances, you take your responsibilities seriously. The administration should consider no alternative than to terminate the RA from her position.

The director of residential life has not and will not hesitate to crack down on residents on and off campus and resident assistants are no exception. Fairness and justice are things that we should all strive for especially people who are in positions that protect the well-being of others.

Let us not forget the case of the resident assistant last spring who was terminated. This RA was found out by another RA in an underage room where there was an of age drinker.

Although the RA was new and unaware of all the rules, he was not afforded a second chance. There were also no underage alcohol consumers present. The administration must act consistently, without exception. It is not fair to punish some and not others.

There were other resident assistants on the campus that wanted to attend the party, one because it was thrown by a close friend of his. This RA chose not to attend for the simple reason that he had a responsibility as a resident assistant.

It was brought to my attention that the reason the administration is not sticking to past procedure is because it is new. Last spring when the RA was fired there was a different director of residential life as well as a different president. It seems ironic that the administration is acting with greater leniency toward resident assistants this fall while we have the highest number of regular resident evictions in the last three years. If the administration has less tolerance for bad behavior on campus, why aren't resident assistants subject to the same policies?

It is the administration's responsibility to terminate the position of the RA that attended the Wheelock Halloween party— in the name of justice

Alexandra Carlson

A place to park

I've a confession to make; all I wanted was a place to park. Two years ago, enrollment was at an all time high. For us commuter students, parking was at a premium. To me, the problem was simple: too many students. Addressing the problem directly, I did what I could to reduce enrollment.

You might have seen me in the Student Center. I'm hard to mi ss, I'm 6'3" tall, 300+ pounds, long hair, grizzled beard, and facial scars. Those who know me realize that I'm a nice guy, but unless I smile, it doesn't show. While prospective students toured the college, parents in tow, I worked my scam. I'd lean over to my table companions and speak in a loud voice. "This prison release program sure beats sitting in my cell." That would get the parents' attention. They would grab their treasured offspring by the hand, and haul them off to another college.

That part of the plan worked well, but I still don't have enough place to park. While I was industrially reducing enrollment, the administration was reducing head count in the dorms. LSC's excessively parental attitude caused a significant number of students to leave the dorms for more congenial lodgings. Now instead of walking to class, they park in the commuter parking lot. I can't discourage new students fast enough. Administration discourages them faster.

The problem is that I can only discourage students once, just before they enroll. Administration can discourage them a lot longer, the whole time they are registered as students. More and more former dorm students now cram the commuter parking lot. There are solutions. The parking problem can be solved a number of ways. The lots could be expanded to actually fit the number of cars that try and park there. Of course, that would cut down on the income generated by parking fines. On-campus students could be treated like the legal adults they are, and they would feel less need to leave the dorms. But perhaps the most likely way for the problem to be solved is by LSC becoming even more restrictive and patronizing. Soon the parking lots will be empty; there will be no college here for students to attend.

Raymond Coulombe

Should student deserve the boot?

I am writing this letter in support of Alexandra Carlson's situation with Residential Life. I believe this is an injustice to her and to every student.

Ms. Carlson is being evicted from the dorms for minor violations dealing with the school. She has never been fined for drugs or alcohol. She is a student leader and should be treated like an adult, not like a child. Do fines for incense burning, borrowing soap from one of the LAC buildings because her suite did not have any, or having a playful time with one of her friends in ARA constitute being evicted from the dorms? I don't believe so. How is it that Ms. Carlson was fined for having a food fight in ARA but her partner in this friendly fight was not charged?

They spread frosting on their heads but did not throw food on the floor, on other students, or any of the tables in Aramark. Does that constitute a food fight? I believe she was deliberately focused upon and harassed by people of authority. In my opinion the Residential Life staff is trying to make Ms. Carlson an example for the rest of the students by showing they will throw anybody out of the dorms who try to go against their authority. But yet, they send out a mass mailing to off-campus students trying to encourage them to move back to the dorms.

Why would anyone move back when their every move will be watched and recorded just waiting for you to slip up?. I am appaulled at the way Ms. Carlson is being treated, and I believe the Residential Life staff is to blame. This is a college campus, and we are all adults', we don't need a mother figure looking over our backs.

> Stacy Patterson Editor

What would the US government do?

There was a not-quite confidential incident that occurred on Halloween when a Resident Assistant was at an off-campus party where there was underage drinking. RA's are supposed to be community leaders who set a good example on or off campus. The office of residential life did not fire this individual. Fine.

Last year, an RA was fired for being in a dorm room with underage people and alcohol present. These two incidents have their similarities and differences, but I have to wonder how last year's office of residential life would have handled the situation. This is where I have a problem. Granted, there are three new RHD's this year, a new Dean of Students and Director of Residential Life, so things are handled differently. Does this also mean that rules are interpreted differently? The change in these positions shouldn't be enough to completely change the policies of this college. In the United States' government, the Constitution isn't interpreted differently every two years when a new House is elected, or every four with the president.

Something needs to be changed at Lyndon, so the few aren't making up the rules and/or changing them when they see fit. Just imagine if president Clinton could rewrite a few policies

when it suited him.

By Jason Sherer

DID YOU KNOW THAT MARILYN MONROE WAS FAT?

I didn't. I always thought that she was the epitome, the very apex of sexiness and blond beauty. In her day, all women wanted to be her and all men wanted to be with her (and if you believe the rumors, most of them got their chance). I seem, however, to have held an incorrect opinion.

I found out I was wrong the other day. I was taking a walk downtown, enjoying the last remnants of fall and seeing what was on sale in the shops, when I noticed two women break from work. At least, I assumed they were on break, since both wore name tags. They were both six feet tall and somewhere around twenty pounds. These two beanpole beauties both wore Tommy Hilfigger jeans, Gap shirts, and monolithic platform shoes. Their scent wafted over to me on the breeze, and the odor of CK One drifted up my nostrils. Their hair was intricately styled, most likely with Paul Mitchell, and I could see that their faces were covered in Revlon makeup. Both of them smoked Capri Ultra-Slim 120's. After gazing upon these thin yet urethral visions of modern beauty, I heard one of them say, "You know, I don't know why anyone found that Marilyn Monroe attractive. She was so fat!"

I thought about it for a moment, and realized that these two were right: by today's standards, Marilyn Monroe was a fat pig. You couldn't see her ribs, her cheekbones were buried under round, flushed cheeks, and her legs were full of weight. I'm willing to even bet that she ate three meals a day!

It used to be that if a person had some meat on their bones, then it was considered a sign that they had money, because they could afford to eat, and if you were very thin, then you were poor. This does not hold true today, of course. If it did, then the world would be full of

I've heard today's popular body image referred to as "concentration-camp sheik" or "heroin sheik". Personally, I think that's a title purported by those who didn't fit in with society's images of what is health and what is not. After all, the people in concentration camps during World War Two would be perfect in regards to today's popular bodily images.

I believe it's perfectly understandable why bulimia and anorexia are so widespread in today's American society. The people with these conditions are simply doing what they have to in order to conform to society's standards. After all, why shouldn't someone want to conform? If we all conform, and there are no differences, then we don't have to worry about people hating differences, because they don't exist.

I went to see my doctor recently. He told me I was right around my target weight for my height. What does he know, anyway? What would a doctor know about the importance of remaining fashionable?

I decided to go on a diet so that I could fit into the standards. I haven't eaten in almost two weeks, so I've lost plenty of pounds. I'm feeling a little unenergetic, but it's no big deal. People were concerned after I passed out from climbing a set of stairs, but I convinced them I was simply trying to fit in.

I've also been watching all the commercials I can, trying to find out just what brands of clothing and cologne and hair products I'm suppose to wear, what beer I'm supposed to drink, what cigarettes I'm supposed to smoke, what car I'm supposed to drive, and what television shows to watch. Granted, those two beanpole beauties were wearing some definitive fashions, but I have to be sure I'm doing what society is telling me too.

I think I finally figured it out, however, after about three days straight of watching MTV and reading Rolling Stone magazine. I just bought a pair of Gap jeans, a set of Nike Air high-tops, a Starter baseball cap, some CK one cologne, various shirts from The Gap and other similar, faceless stores, and some Hanes briefs. Granted, these purchases ate up all my savings and the rest of my credit, but that's the price you pay for conforming. Now all I have to do is lose another forty or fifty pounds, gain twenty pounds of pure muscle, cut my hair, shave my face, put on the clothes I bought. As soon as I do that, it should make me the "coolest" guy around. Never mind my personality. Who cares about that? Who cares if I'm intelligent, funny, sensitive, and open-minded? People can't see your mind. They can see your body, so that's what counts.

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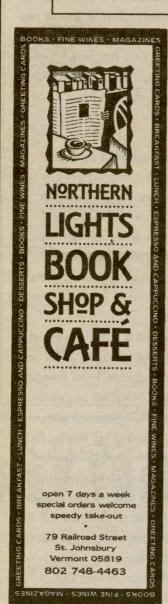
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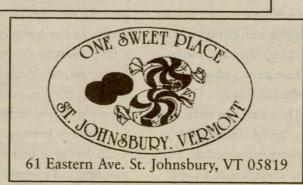
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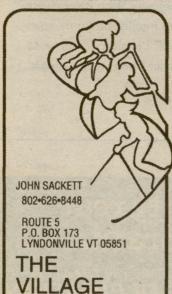












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Increase in evictions

By Stacy Patterson

There have been many discussions of late about the issue of living on-campus or off-campus. For the fall of 1998, before November, there have been 7 evictions, and three suspensions from school. This is compared to the four evictions and the three suspensions or dismissals from the school in the fall of 1997. There have been many concerns issued about the increase evictions from the campus this year.

When asked why the eviction numbers are so high this year, Austin Anderson, Director of Residential Life, stated that the college "is holding people accountable". Dean Hruska and myself met with people on probation at the beginning of the school year and explained to them that this was a serious matter" explained Mr. Anderson. There were about 30 on probation at the start of the school year. Also stated in a letter received by *The Critic* Mr. Anderson said that "As far as this fall's increase in eviction goes, it is indicative of a desire from the Student Affairs department to give those people involved in serious discipline matters as well as those who violate their probationary status, the ability to continue their studies."

When asked if the mass mailing of letters to off-campus students encouraging them to move back on, along with the record number of evictions was sending a mixed message to students Mr. Anderson said, "No. They are holding people accountable for their behavior." He did say that the college does encourage students to live on-campus, and some have taken him up on the offer. Austin Anderson believes the dorms "create a better value for the students for those who adhear to the rules and regulations."

Mr. Anderson did say that students could be evicted from the dorms if they became in trouble off-campus. "It depends on the circumstances and the prior history of the student." Mr. Anderson did say that half of the evictions this year were due to alcohol or drug use.

However, Mr. Anderson believes that these numbers will go down next semester and he does point out that there have been no dismissals from the college at this time.

For our retiring professor "It's Miller Time"

"...I have several lifetimes of work to do probably,"...
"I'll keep on trucking."

By Ed Dean

A fter 36 years of teaching Natural Science at Lyndon State College, Don Miller, Professor of Natural Science and department chair has decided to retire. It's time to relax. It's Miller time.

Not that Professor Miller plans on taking it easy, for him retirement means a welcome opportunity to pursue his studies of the "biota" around him in the Northeast Kingdom and elsewhere in the world.

Visitors to Miller's office in the science wing will find the good doctor surrounded by a large collection of books that overflow from his well-stocked library. Specimens of butterflies and specimen skeletons abound in Dr. Miller's classrooms and the science museum, but it was on his office desk that Professor Miller picked up the water-filled specimen jar that holds his newest discovery a freshwater jellyfish. He recalls with great relish the moment he laid eyes on this rare species that has never been seen in Vermont. "That was exciting for me. For a biologist, seeing a new species, alive, for the very first time in his life is really pretty exciting," said Professor Miller. The discovery Miller is most proud of is a population of butterfly that was not recorded before in Vermont.

"I have an insatiable curiosity about the natural world around me. I always had it since the time I was a youngster," Miller said. Growing up on a small cobblestone farm in New York State, Miller used to work fifteen hour days on the farm. An uncle must have noticed Miller's insatiable curiosity, because he got and filled out an application for his nephew to attend Albany State College. "I went to college almost by accident. I almost didn't go to college" reflected Miller, who not only went on to graduate from Albany State with a bachelor's degree but earned a masters and a Ph.D as well. "Having grown up in a family of eight on a small cobblestone farm in New York State, I always have to pinch myself sometimes, to see what a really good education can do for you. Who would have thought 40 years ago that I would have spent 40 years here?"

Professor Miller has been thinking about writing a natural history of the Northeast Kingdom and hopes to work on it during his retirement. He said that he is very interested in biodiversity — the study of how many different species there are and how they affect the environment. "I'm very interested in biodiversity, measuring biodiversity, and how biodiversity relates to conservation issues - specifically in terms of identifying where the hot spots of biodiversity are and how they relate to the land use."

"So I have several lifetimes of work to do probably," Dr. Miller quipped jovially. "I'll keep on trucking."

In his studies of biodiversity, Dr. Miller keeps current with what's happening out in the 'real world' beyond the classroom and satisfies his own curiosity. After starting out working with moths and butterflies about ten years ago, Miller decided to start studying Tiger Beetles. "They live in the soil and it's been shown in a number of studies that information about Tiger Beetles tells you a lot about the health of the soil," said Miller. "Then I became aware of a ground beetle - and this was a huge group — and I swore I would never get involved with those, that I wouldn't live long enough to become really competent. Well, guess what?" he said with a laugh. "I just got more and more interested in them and a friend of mine at the University of Vermont, Dr. Ross Bell has been very helpful in helping me to identify them. Of course, ground beetles are very numerous, there's many species so therefore they're ideal subjects for studying certain biodiversity issues in terms of change in the landscape and things like that," he said.

Dr. Miller's biodiversity research has been beneficial to his college classes where he has been able to teach more effectively he feels, using his field data. "That's helped my classes because I've been able to translate a lot of that information to my field zoology classes. Perhaps a little bit to the chagrin of students sometimes who might say "Oh no, he's not

learning another group!" joked Dr. Miller

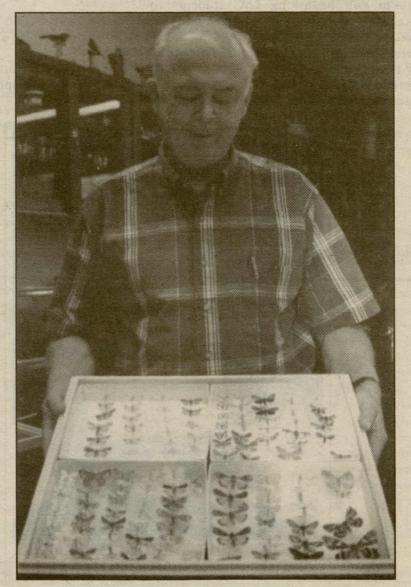
When Professor Miller first came to Lyndon State College in 1959, he taught every course in the science department except physics. "I had a rather interesting experience. I replaced the only full-time Afro-American faculty member this college has ever had — a guy called Joe Page. He went to Washington from here," recalled Miller.

Professor Miller noted that he feels he has been very fortunate here at LSC as well to have worked in the science department with great colleagues. "I might as well say it, I've always appreciated my association especially with Dave Conant — the only other full-time biologist here. Dave has been very helpful to me in many ways — both personally and professionally. Nice person"

Through his 36 year teaching career at LSC, Professor Miller has had the opportunity to work under many fine administrators, but the college president he still admires the most was Dr. Robert E. Long. "In all the time I've been here, one of the finest administrators I've ever worked under was

Dr. Robert E. Long. He was a real scholar and a really fine gentlemen. He was the only administrator, to this day, that ever came around into my lab and actually looked into a microscope to see what I was doing, he actually came around and showed a direct personal interest in what was going on in the classroom. And I think that's something that as we get more and more layering here between types of administration and the classroom there's less of that type of activity," observed Professor Miller.

Professor Miller has traveled extensively throughout the United States, hitting almost every state in the union over the years. He spent a couple of Thanksgiving vacations down in Vero Beach, Florida several years ago doing research on butterflies and yearns to go back there someday. "I'll probably spend some time down in Florida doing some things like that. The Florida biota better watch out," laughed Professor Miller.



Professor Miller looks affectionately at a collection of butterfly specimens

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Positions affected by Budget

By Jamie Keough

As a result of an over estimated budget for the 1998-1999 college year, several administrative staff positions at Lyndon State College are being terminated or reduced.

The estimated number of students attending LSC this year was inaccurate. The college received more in-state students than out-of-state, which also affected the budget. This figure put the finances for the college over budget by about \$800,000 dollars.

The college needed a way to replace the lost amount of money. To do this the college

chose to reduce academic support services, because there was a decrease in the amount of students.

One of the positions reduced was Debra Balin's job as the Director of Student Academic Development. At the end of September she received a letter in the mail stating that her job was being reduced from twelve months to ten months.

"I was relieved," she said, "because it was only reduced and not cut." She is unsure of what her responsibilities will be during the summer regarding registrations and meeting with probation students.

Aramark makes some changes

By Jamie Keough

Many changes have been occurring at Stevens Dining Hall. This is due to some criticism ARAMARK, the company that provides food for meals, has been receiving.

Lyndon State College students have a variety of views regarding the food in the dining hall and what improvements should be made.

One LSC student said she was disappointed in the lack of variety the food offered. "Sometimes I go to the snack bar to eat because the dining hall doesn't have any food I like," she said.

However, some LSC students are happy with the dining hall food. "The buffets are

nice except for the lines," an LSC student said. The deli bar and pasta corner were also complimented.

The fact that more students are using points at the snack bar instead of being on a twenty-one meal plan is a reason that charges are occurring at the dining hall.

A Food Committee, comprised of several LSC students, is accepting and looking at suggestions from LSC students about food and meal plans. It is designed to allow LSC student's opinions to have an impact on their meal program.

The contract the dining hall has with ARAMARK will not be eligible for renewal until 2002.

Fighting world hunger at LSC

This year ARAMARK and the Upward Bound office at LSC will once again be coordinating Oxfam America's Harvest for World Hunger on our campus. Members of Kappa Delta Phi will be asking LSC students to donate supper from their meal plan on Thursday, November 19th and will be in the cafeteria the entire next week of November 16-19 to take your pledges.

Oxfam America is a self-help program that works with people in the United States and the

world to promote self-sufficiency. Over the past 6 years, LSC students have donated over \$2,000 from their meal plans to this worthy

Bob McCabe, Director Upward Bound

Matt Ghirarda Kappa Delta Phi





Survey Results

■ Why did you choose Lyndon State College?

Desired Program/Major:	30%
Location:	29%
Campus Size:	15%
Cost:	10%
Other/Default:	8%
Small Classes/Personal Attention:	5%
Don't Know:	1%
Extra Curricular Activities:	2%

■ What do you like about Lyndon State College?

Small Classes/Personal Attention:	32%
Location/Close to Home:	17%
Campus Size:	13%
Desired Program or Major:	10%
Friends/People:	8%
Cost:	7%
Professors:	5%
Other:	8%

■ What do you dislike?

Lack of Weekend Activities:	18%
Other:	17%
Administrative Decisions:	14%
Campus Life/Dining Facilities:	12%
Lack of Course Variety:	11%
Unwillingness to Upgrade Labs/Facilities:	9%
Location:	7%
Cost/Fees:	7%
Parking:	5%

■ Would you recommend this school to a prospective student?

Yes:	40%
No: Same and the amortise of the	22%
Maybe/Not Sure:	17%
Depends on Chosen Major:	17%
In-State Only:	4%

■ If things were to change, what would make you leave?

Rising Tuition/Costs:	27%
Cancellation of Program/Major:	13%
Cutting of Courses/Electives within Major:	13%
Other:	11%
Increase in Class Size:	8%
Reduction in Student Programs	5%
Interruption/Cancellation of Services:	5%
Loss of Accreditation:	5%
Loss of Good Professors:	5%
Stricter Policies/Rules:	3%
Uncertain:	3%
Lower Academic Standards	2%

■ What keeps you coming back?

Resignation/Default:	22%
Desired Program/Major:	16%
Friends:	16%
Small Classes/Personal Attention:	15%
Professors:	8%
Location:	8%
Cost:	6%
Other:	6%
Extra Curricular Activities:	3%

■ How much of an effect will this budgetary situotion have on you personally?

Not Much/Graduating/Other:	28%
Don't Know:	17%
Don't Care:	16%
Increase in Tuition/Fees:	16%
Dropped Electives/Courses:	5%
Faculty/Staff Layoffs:	4%
Hold on Facilities Upgrade:	4%
Loss of Work Study/Financial Aid:	4%
Cutting of Programs:	4%
Dropping of Majors/Concentrations	2%



Survey of a Shortfall

ecently, we've heard about the \$800,000 budgetary shortfall facing Lyndon State College through local papers, various meetings, and that rumormill affectionately known as "word-of-mouth." This shortfall is attributed to lower student enrollment and could lead to dramatic changes affecting everyone in this community. In an effort to give the students of this college a means to voice their opinions, the students of CAS 144, Page Layout Software, have designed an independent survey and have taken it to the campus. HereSay is the result of that effort.

Size Matters

One-third of all students surveyed indicate that what they like most about LSC are the small classes and personal attention that can only be found on a small campus. The promotional literature distributed by Lyndon State identifies those two qualities as primary selling points, and with good reason.

On many university campuses, class enrollments can easily break the one hundred student mark, with classes held in auditorium-sized lecture halls. Some professors never even interact with their students, abdicating grading responsibilities to graduate students and interns. For some, that kind of anonymity is comforting. For others, it means the loss of personal identity.

But there is a potential downside to small classes on a small campus....

"Great," said one student. "What happens a year from now when I finally get the chance to take the cool courses and they get cut because there aren't enough students? What's the whole point of coming here in the first place?"

That sentiment rumbles through the student lounge and the residence halls. Some students have 13% sqid yes difficulty recalling classes with more than twenty-five students. "It's hard 83% said no enough trying to cram into this tiny computer lab," expressed one graphic design student, her hand gesturing to the fifteen work stations sandwiched into the tiny room adjacent to HAC's Quimby Gallery. Indeed it is. Critiquing students' work on-screen can be a frustrating experience with sixteen bodies packed in around one monitor. Many students are literally crowded out.

"I'm very appreciative of these new machines," said one junior. "If classes have to increase in size, shouldn't the facilities be up-graded as well?"

The Paradox

In truth, most students chose Lyndon because of its majors and concentrations, with Communications and Meteorology most often cited as drawing cards. Both departments are nationally recognized and award-winning, and both departments consistently field young, energetic professionals. Indeed, Lyndon has much of which to be proud.

"I like the fact that I'm running a camera in my first year," said one Communications freshman. "A lot of schools teach you three years of theory first." That appreciation of practical experience transcends majors. In nearly every department, students do more than study the theoretical. Education majors observe classroom settings in their sophomore year. Design students begin learning state-ofthe-art software on their second day of classes.

4% don't care Do you feel enough of an attempt has been made by the administration to inform you of the current budgetary situation?

majors have numerous opportunities for publication and field work. The list is endless.

English

To its credit, Lyndon knows that it takes money to make money. The college has upgraded facilities as budgets allow, and its support of the various departments merits mention. But the paradox isn't found in the old business plati-

Remember, the budgetary shortfall is attributed to lower student enrollment, largely due to student attrition. In short, many students never return to Lyndon State after their first year. The HereSay Survey was designed to determine possible causes of this gradual decline in enrollment.

When asked what they disliked about LSC, the answers were as diverse as the personalities on campus. So diverse, they comprise 17% of the "other" category, ranging from such global issues as lack of diversity and apparent inter-departmental political in-fighting, to such Lyndon-specific issues as the plethora of deans and the bitter cold of winter.

Additional responses meriting their own categories include the number of additional fees, a lack of course variety, and the ever-present parking dilemma. The dearth of weekend activities, or what many students refer to as "dead weekends" tops the list. Factor in the inherent animosity toward strict residential policies and the overwhelming disapproval of food services, and one finds many students bolting for home, leaving behind a patch of smoking rubber and a cloud of dust. Having attended this college, receiving two Bachelors of Arts degrees with concentrations in English Writing, Liberal Arts, and Graphic Design, and having returned to LSC as an Adjunct Professor of Communications, this author has seen a dramatic decline in student activity on campus. Standing on the landing in front of Harvey Academic Center on a recent Thursday evening, he half-expected a tumbleweed to blow by....

He pauses, marvelling at the unnerving silence, remembering that a few years ago, even in the dead of winter, groups of students would be out creating their own forms of entertainment - most of it quite legal. He wonders whether he has assigned enough homework, for on this "thirsty Thursday," the lab, over-crowded just moments ago, now stands silent and deserted. He shoulders his bag and smiles with fond remembrance of a

time when students - at least his circle of friends - took an active part in deciding their fate, rather than wait

with that overwhelming sense of resignation. His brow furrows with the frustration of seeing the true paradox of life on a small campus: indifference in the midst of all things

The Trap of Apathy

Over half of all students surveyed made no attempt to find out anything more about the budgetary shortfall, and a surprising number responded with the very definition of apathy: "I don't care." In truth, students must care, if not about the college, then about the future.

to reflect, asking 2% don't care 4% have made every effort How much of an effort have you 31% made made to some attempt learn more about this situation? begin to 63% have made no effort their academic and social envi-

respondents cite a caring and dedicated faculty willing to participate in the lives of their students. It follows that this outstanding faculty is willing to make change for the better when given opportunity and a cohesive voice. To its credit, the administration, too, is working hard to respond to this issue, even if most students covertly disagree with their methods.

This author has stood before his classes, searching blank stares for responses to his inquiries. Occasionally, there is a flicker of recognition and understanding, but often, even when an opinion is requested, the response is silence. If students yearn for change, then students must be prepared to state an opinion when an opportunity presents itself. Should no opportunity arise, then it is the individual's responsibility to stand with conviction. (This action assumes that the student has taken every effort to obtain as much information as possible, so as not to appear unlettered or sophomoric.)

At a time when everyone should be looking to the future, many are mired in these petty moments of conflict and cannot see beyond themselves to find resolution. Still others are frustrated by the indifference shown by classmates and colleagues alike. Many students

truly feel they have no voice, or fear administrative reprisal.

To these students: make the time to stay informed. When one has the correct information, one has the ability to present a logical and detailed argument subject to debate, but otherwise irrefutable in nature. (Moreover, everyone is protected by the second amendment of the Constitution of the United States.)

This gradual decline in enrollment can be partially abated at the student level. If students are not happy with their experience at Lyndon,

> they must take a moment whether they honestly have done all they can to make the most of these few collegiate years. If the answer is, "yes," then students can examine external influences, focusing their attention on ways to improve

As for the dead weekends, get involved! Someone's grandmother once speculated that if people find boredom at every turn, perhaps they themselves are boring. Memorable life experiences are created through interaction with others, not through the endless distractions found in this electronic, postmodern society.

These interpersonal bonds reinforce that sense of community so desired by many Lyndon State College students. To prevent the potential increase in tuition, dropped electives and courses, or many other fears associated with budgetary deficits2; to truly expect improvements to facilities, more course variety or an increase in extracurricular activities, everyone must place their focus on this issue of student retention. The blame does not lie on the shoulders of any particular group (the very definition of attrition is a natural decline in numbers), but the responsibility does rest on the shoulders of everyone on this small campus.

Refer to The Critic, Vol. 45 No. 2, page 6,
 "Answers about LSC Course Cuts and Layoffs."
 As of this writing, the administration has indicaded no changes in these creas. The mention of such issues reflects student responses to survey.

^{3.} HereSay is a survey of aproximately 70 students picked at random from the LSC community.

LSC Cross Country team qualifies for the national championships in Kenosha Wisconsin this November

By Ed Dean

Williston, Vt. — For four years, LSC Coach Chris Ummer and the Lyndon State College men's cross country team have dreamed of winning the Regional Cross Country Championships and going as a team to the Nationals. On Saturday, November 7, their dream became a reality as the Hornets won the NAIA Northeast Regional Cross Country Championships for the first time in the college's history.

The Hornets clinched the title by beating their closest competitors Houghton College and Robert Wesleyan —- two quality teams who have been to Nationals consistently over the years.

The Hornets' championship winning run at the Regional race qualifies them to compete in the National NAIA Cross Country Championships with a team of seven men.

Leading the charge to victory for the Hornets was LSC's 38-year-old clutch runner Mike Bruhn. The plucky Hornet harrier went out with the lead pack, and ran tough up in the hills where the trails twisted and turned like a maze as the runners winded their way up and down the steep hillside. By the halfway mark, Bruhn had fought his way into third place where he finished the race at a personal best time of 26:17.

Early in the race, the rest of the Hornets were not in the position they needed to be in to win the crown, but Sean Fisher moved up into eighth (27:25), Randy Feeley rose to the occasion with a personal best time of 27:36, Chris Spears landed 11th place with a time of 27:40 and another personal best time of 27:58 put LSC's Nick Savoie into 4th place to clinch the title for the Hornets.

"This didn't happen overnight. This was a four-year building process for the men's team to achieve this," Chris Ummer, the LSC x-country coach said of the Hornets' victory. "The men's team started out the season three years ago with no returnees; we started from scratch, and in four years we've made it to the nationals. I think it was an emotional win. It meant an awful lot to our seniors Mike, Sean, and Chris.

To notch their stunning victory, four-out-of-five of the Hornets ran personal bests on a difficult, hilly course. The Hornet men also ran two-and-a-half minutes faster in Saturday's race than they did on the same course in the State Meet.

Celebratory whoops of joy and hugs from teammates, parents and girlfriends surrounded the victorious Hornets after Coach Ummer broke the news to them in a huddle that they had just won the Regional championships.

"I'm going to be the first one in my family to run at Nationals!" exclaimed Jon Dodge, a sophomore at LSC from Littleton, N.H.

The LSC Cross-Country mentor shared in his team's excitement. "This is the biggest win ever in Lyndon State College cross-country history, I think," said Ummer with a smile.

On the women's side, Liz Chase qualified to compete in the NAIA National x-c Championship Meet with a run into fifth place as Lyndon State took third in the women's meet. "The women's team, as a whole, ran their best race of the whole year," said

Chase and the Lyndon State College Men's cross-country team will travel out to Kenosha, Wis. to race in the NAIA National Championship Meet on November 21st.

Long Weekend For Hornet Hockey

By Vincent Russell

The Hornet Hockey team had a rough weekend dropping two hard fought games to MIT on Friday night and to the Coast Guard Academy on Saturday. Friday night, the Hornets fell behind early 4-0. Andy Mountford got the Hornets on the board with 1:10 left in the first period with some hard work and a great pass from defenceman Erik

McLoughlin to end the first period down 4-1. The Hornets came back strong in the second period. Mike Lynch scored with 7:07 left in the second period, with the assist going to Vinny Forgione. With more great passing from Vinny Forgione, Rick Dow scored his sixth goal of the season. The second period ended with the Hornets down 5-3. Unfortunately injuries caught up with the Hornets, three key players were unable to see

action in the third, and M.I.T. capitalized on these Hornet disadvantages to control the third period and put the game out of reach, with the final score of M.I.T. 8, LSC 3.

On Saturday night the Coast Guard Academy came to town. The Hornets were behind 2-0 at the end of the first period. The Hornets played a strong second period fueled by the aggressive play of Matt Ecker, Chad Sylvester,

and Billy Hayes. Goalie Chris Norway had another strong performance stopping 40 Coast Guard shots. Unfortunately it wasn't to be for the Hornets as they dropped a hard fought game 3-0.

This weekend the Hornets have two home games, Friday night they will take on Springfield at 9:15, and on Saturday at 6:30 the Hornets are up against Franklin Pierce.



Andy Mountford (5) and Vinny Forgoine (14).



Vinny Forgoine fights for the puck.

Fall Intramural Statistics

MEN'S BASKETBALL

FINAL STANDINGS WINS/LOSSES TROGANS 7/0 SPICE GIRLS II 3/6 SHOULD'VE BEEN CHEESE 6/2 ABSOLUTE STROH'S 4/4 D.R.U.N.K 3/3 CHEESE W/OUT THE WHINE 3/4 OUT OF WORK STARS 8 /2 MOTOWN MONEY MAKERS 3/4 HOUNDS 2/2 MOJO'S MONKEYS 0/2 CHICK MAGNETS 3/5 DE-GENERATION X 0 /3 BAKED POTATOES 0/5 P-STARS 3 3 DIVISION TOURNEY 11/9 P-STARS DEF. CHICK MAGNETS (43-38) RANDY FEELY 18 CHRIS KUNDRA 14 "B" DIVISION TOURNEY 11/9 MOJO'S MONKEYS DEF. HOUNDS (34-31) BARRY CADORETTE 7 DOUG KENNEDY 13 11/11 CHEESE W/O WHINE DEF. MOTOWN MONEYMAKERS (54-36) BRIAN LALIME 26 COREY DRAPER 22 11/12 OUT OF WORK STARS DEF. MOJO'S MONKEYS (44-41) CADE SIMONDS 13 BARRY CADORETTE 15 "A" DIVISION TOURNEY

11/11 ABSOLUTE STROHS DEF. D.R.U.N.K. (47-41)

TROJANS DEF. SPICE GIRLS II (73-72)\

COED SOFTBALL

SARA ASH BRIDGETTE BARRETT M.V.P.-DAVE BRUCE

BEN GARDNER 14

DAVE PERISHO 16

MIKE BROWN 30

MATT CHOUINARD 28

FALL 1998 FINAL STANDINGS WINS/LOSSES

BANDITS 4/1 LUBE JOB II 3/2 ROOFUS Q'S 3/1 PROVOLONE CHEESE 2/2 DEFECTORS 2/3 BUCKY BEAVERS 2/2 ROBIN'S TEAM 0/4 PLAYOFFS 10/22 LUBE JOB II DEF. PROVOLONE CHEESE XIV (22-17) HOMERUNS: DAVE BRUCE JOE VERES MATT BRODERICK 10/29 LUBE JOB II DEF. BANDITS (16-15) HOMERUNS: DAVE BRUCE MATT BRODERICK WITH THE WINNING RBI.!! 11/8 LUBE JOB II DEF. ROOFUS Q'S (28-7) HOMERUNS: DAVE BRUCE!! CHAMPIONSHIP GAME 11/12 LUBE JOB II DEF. BANDITS 13-4) DAVE BRUCE! JAY LACHANCE JOE VERES MATT BRODERICK (SPECIAL "K") ANDREW DAILEY AMANDA BERGERON TODD SIMCOX DAVE BRUCE

FLAG FOOTBALL FALL 1998 TEAM STANDINGS WINS/LOSSES FRUGAL GORMETS 4 /0 40'5 5/2 CHEFS 3/2 FUGI COX 9 3/2 CHICK MAGNETS 1/4 PIGSKIN 101 1/4 TIKI GODS 1/4 11/2 40'S DEF. TIKI GODS (42-30) SCORING: BEN GARDNER 6 RICK LEBLANC 12 MATT CHOUINARD 8 RYAN ROYER 6 MATT RUSHFORD 8 DAMIAN LAMPMAN 4 DAVE SWEET 6 JOE LIMA 2 SHAWN CLOUGH 12 SEAN DUFFY 2 11/3 CHEFS DEF. CHICK MAGNETS (52-12) SCORING: VIN RUSSELL 22 RICH LAMPETER 6 JAMES EDWARDS 4 JAMES MIDGLEY 6 VINNIE MALONEY 18 CHAD SYLVESTER 6 RICK DOW 2 AARON SQUIRES 6 11/9 40'S DEF. CHEFS (42-12) DAVE SWEET 6 AARON SQUIRES 6 SEAN DUFFY 6 JAMES EDWARDS 6 MATT CHOUINARD 12 BEN GARDNER 6 SHAWN CLOUGH 12 11/15 FRUGAL GORMETS DEF. FUJI COX 9 (42-6) SCORING: JAY LEMONT 26 JEFF STEIN 6 TRAVIS MONTROSS 6 CHRIS BOBINSKI 6 ERIK MCLOUGHLIN 12

PING-PONG

INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS WINS LOSSES GREG VINIER 10/6 JUSTIN ARNOTT 22/0 **KEVIN FORGIONE 6/24** MIKE DAVIS 8/6 KEITH RIVET 1/1 DOUG RICHARDSON 6/9 SCOTT MCKIM 0/1 GARTH HOXSIEQUIN 1/2 TRAVIS ROGERS 0/3 JOE LIMA 0/1 JOHN ST.LOUIS 5/6 ERIK MCLOUGHLIN 3/4 KEITH WITEK 2/2 BRIAN CLARK 0/1 RYAN PIPCZYNSKI 0/2 JOE CARISTI 0/1 ERIC MORRETT 0/1 NICK 0/1 TONY WEEKS 0/3 CHRIS MAYHEW 0/3 DAVE BRUCE 0/1 MONDAY NIGHTS COME AND PLAY AT THE

MENS STREET HOCKEY

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GENERAL INTRAMURAL INFO.

NEXT "SURVIVOR SERIES" ? LET SUE HENRY KNOW (EXT. 6242) "ROCK" RULES! LOOKING FOR STUDENTS TO PLAY AGAINST THE STAFF/FACULTY TEAMS IN THE FOLLOWING WALLYBALL (2-MEN, 2-WOMEN TEAM) VOLLEYBALL (3-MEN, 3-WOMEN TEAM) BASKETBALL SHOOTING (2-MEN, 2-WOMEN) SHUFFLEBOARD (2-STUDENTS) RACQUETBALL (2-MEN. 2-WOMEN) PING-PONG (2-STUDENTS)

Lyndon State Women's Tennis goes where they've never been before

By Renee Breault

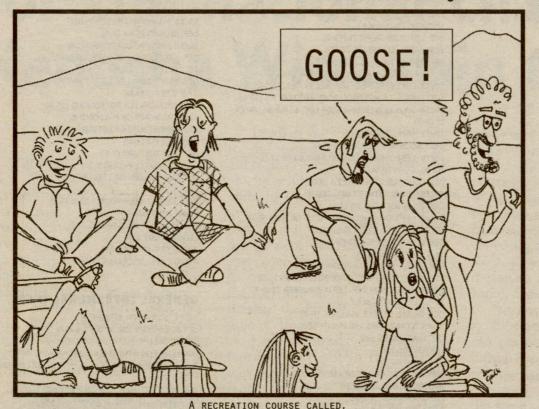
When asking coach Jamie Owen, what her feelings about the season were, she said "she was very pleased with the outcome of their season." Starting with only 3 returnees and one newcomer, Owen had to do some recruiting of her own. On this years team were: Jennifer Ellam, Sr., Sara Richard, Jr., and Chori Braley, Jr. Along with this years returnees were 3 newcomers Sabrina Matthews, So.; Anne Nault, So; and Brandi Thorpe, So. None of the newcomers had ever played tennis competitively before.

Even though the team's record doesn't show their achievements, their individual statuses do. They all had their own times of accomplishment during the season. Sabrina Matthews captured the first NAIA Regional Tennis Championship in LSC history, and she only lost two matches all season. Coach Jamie Owen states that "with the mental toughness, and excellent athleticism that Sabrina has, she will only get better with more experience." Chori Braley did well at regionals, losing in the semifinal match. Owen states "that Chori improved greatly throughout the season, and will be a strong returner for the team next year." Jennifer Ellam, got her goal of the season when she won her first collegiate match in the Mayflower Conference Tournament. Sara Richard also had an outstanding season playing the number one spot. It was tough at times, but she did well. Anne

Nault and Brandi Thorpe improved tremendously as the season went on, being their first year of collegiate tennis.

Even though it was a tough season at times, with a lot of newcomers and a very young team, Owen thinks they will only get better next year. Owen was very pleased with their placing 2nd in the Mayflower Conference, and 3rd in the NAIA Regional Tournament. Nice work, and good luck next year.

BY DANA GRAVELLE



"THEORY AND PRACTICE: METHODS IN ORGANIZATIONAL INTERACTIVITY"

"Oh Dad, Poor Dad"

By Stacy Patterson

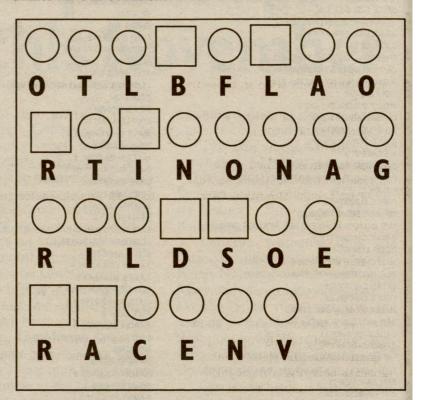
Lyndon State College Twilight Players presented Arthur Kopit's play "Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mama's Hung You in the Closet and I'm Feeling So Sad" last weekend. It was a huge success. This play was quite different from any other play that has been produced at LSC. LSC's finest came out and gave it their all with the help of their director David McClelland.

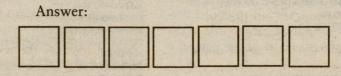
The play was set in Port Royal

in the Caribbean and it becomes a very dark, surreal farce. There is sex, violence, and even some dead bodies. Everything you want in a good play. I would like to say that the play was very exciting in that nothing like this has ever been produced here at LSC since I've been here. The acting was very good and also quite real. I enjoyed the play and I would like to congratulate everyone who acted and helped out with the play.

Word Scramble

CLUE: What do dining hall food and Thanksgiving dinner have in common?





Spanish Extravaganza

Come one, come all. Listen to LSC students describe their professions in a brief speech spoken entirely in Spanish. All are welcomed to attend. Each speech will last 5 minutes. Do not miss this opportunity for cultural enjoyment.

December 3, 1998 LAC 414

Starting at 4:30 pm. Don't miss the pinata that's filled with candy!!!



SEMESTER SCHEDULE

News, sports, and weather: Weekdays at 7:50am, 8:50am, 12:20pm, 85:20pm.(world, national, local news)...(Between 6am & 6pm ROCK ONLY)

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6:00am		LONG TERM MEMORY LOSS Jaimle Mark Alyssia	LONG TERM MEMORY LOSS Jaimie Mark Alyssia	LONG TERM MEMORY LOSS Jaimie Mark Alyssia	LONG TERM MEMORY LOSS Jaimie Mark Alyssia	LONG TERM MEMORY LOSS Jaimie Mark Alyssia	
9:00am	TOP 40 Isaac & Joey	Sara	Isaac	Derek		Moose	Derek (FOLK)
12:00pm	Pj	Douglas Poor	Jim		The Gringo	TempE	Joe
3:00pm	Dave P	A CASH STATE	Justin -	Brielle or Sean	Jessica	Jon	
6:00pm	Jim (BLUES)	CLASSIFIED INFORMATION Derek & Matt	GET ROCKED! lady J (CLASSIC ROCK)	REGGAE-ROOTS Pete	LUCIFER'S LAIR Lucifer & Sly (METAL)	CLUB ZONE TempE (HIPHOP,DANCE,TECHNO, BREAKBEAT)	SATURDAY NIGH JAMZ Adrienne & Spud (R&B, HIPHOP)
9:00pm	Brion (JAZZ)	Tony K (METAL)	BUBBA'S SULKY LOUNGE Fred & Croig (ECLECTIC)	HOOLIGAN'S HAPPY HOUR Chuck King (SKA)	MEGA!! KUNG FU RADIO Brent & Dina (METAL, HARDCORE)	Sarah (TECHNO,HARDCORE)	CLUB IMPULSE JC (DANCE PARTY RADIO)
Midnight to 3:00am	BOOTLEG MUSIC Mike & Pete	THE RAT'S NEST Matt & Mike Kid	OUTLAW RADIO Mike Kid, Lenny, & Porn (Weekly Specials Recurrent)	MORNING AFTER SHOW Matt & Erin	FEAR & LOATHING IN LYNDONVILLE The Gringo & The Bard (METAL,ROCK)	THE UNDERGROUND DJ Bum (HIPHOP,R&B MIX SHOW)	Potrick (CLASSIC ROCK)

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22 New Radicals 23 Placebo

24 The Smashing Pumpkins Ava Adore 25 Khaleel

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29 Mudhoney 30 Creeper Lagoon

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The Best of 1980-1990 Glow In The Dark Soul Mechnical Animals Pack Up The Cat

Celebrity Skin Why Do They Rock So Hard

Gran Trurismo Gentlemen's Blues Song Title Private Helicopte

Slide Circles Fire Escape Father of Mine Spice Line Vision What's This Life For? Polyester Bride Rachael I Think I'm Paraniod Fly Away Never There Only When I Lose Myself A Perfect Day Elise Thank U Back To Good Art Of The Gun You Get What You Give Pure Morning Perfect It's A Shame Why Are You So Mean To Me? Whether or Not Candlelight Night Of The Hunted Wonderful Love The Sweetest Thing The Dope Show All The Kids Are Right I Want To Want You Celebrity Skin

The Set Up (You Need This)

Daysleeper My Favourite Game

The Good Life



By Jason Hatch

"People are already talking about this," Jim tried to reassure his friend.

"I know, but all people ever do is sit around and bitch.

There's never any action,"

Mark said in a hushed voice
across the table in the snack bar.

"That's what Mountain Dew Man is for."

Mark contemplated his tater tot. "It's been four days, maybe we should make another appearance."

"That's the spirit, but what are we going to do?"

"I was thinking, whoa-" Mark's head turned sharply. Ignoring his friend's stare, he watched as a goddess carrying a notebook crossed the student center. She paused to talk briefly with a student watching TV on the big screen, wrote something down, and walked over to Mark and Jim's table.

"Hi, I'm Kate Morgan from the Editor. I'm conducting a survey for next week's issue," she smiled warmly, not phonily, as she talked with the pair.

"Sure," Jim said. "What

"This "Mountain Dew Man" thing that happened to the college president on Friday evening."

Jim played dumb as Mark

tried not to drool on himself,
"I hadn't heard about that."

"Well, apparently someone decided to dress himself up as a would-be super hero and have a little chat with the President. Then, he super-glued an empty can of Mountain Dew to the President's car. Someone's upset about the Coke monopoly on campus and is doing something about it."

"That's different," Mark piped in. "At least someone is doing something other than bitch for a change," Jim said. "Definitely."

"Okay, thanks for your opinion guys. I guess that means you haven't heard about the open forum, either?"

"What's that?"

"Administration is livid and wants heads. They're going to try to flush this character out.

Wednesday night at seven, here.
They're going to issue an ultimatum or something, but they're being very tight lipped about it."

"Well, I can go, but don't you have class?" Jim said to Mark, kicking his chair. He mulled it over, "Yeah, I do."

Kate frowned momentarily but smiled at Jim, "Well, I'll see you there."

"See ya."

"'Bye."

"Ha ha, that's your day to be MDM." Jim gloated.

"That's besides the point; we have to plan." Mark said. The student center was packed with bodies of college students wanting to see what the college president had to say. Jones stood behind a simple wooden podium with the college logo emblazoned across it in green and orange.

Slightly nervous, he surveyed the crowd. Which one, he thought, was this Mountain Dew Man. He squinted at the crowd in disgust. Someone put a hand on his shoulder.

"It's time," the young blonde woman said. "Time to make our introduction."

"Very well," he said to her.

Tapping the microphone until the crowd hushed, he said, "Thank you for coming, everyone. I'm sorry about the lack of space, but I'm impressed by the turnout. I'll make introductions of my colleagues and try to get you out of here as soon as possible."

"President Jones," a voice broke through the crowd. It was Kate Morgan. "Sir, do you have a comment about your encounter with a Mountain Dew Man last Friday?"

Not a person in the crowd missed his expression, halfway between a scowl and a grimace. "Well, Kate." She was a well known pain in his ass. "I would like to emphasize the point that if anyone on this campus ever feels a need to address his or herself to a college policy, they can either come to the Dean of Students or to the Student Senate to voice a complaint."

"Then, you don't have a comment," Kate said loud enough for almost everyone to hear.

Flustered, Jones continued with his earlier tirade,

"With me today are the Director of Security, Tom Smythe, and Ms. Kelly Nomad to discuss a new and exciting improvement to our lives on campus. Tom-"

"Thank you," the middle aged former cop came to the podium. He was popular with the students and a good PR man for the school. If he liked it, the students liked it. "We are all aware of the break-ins last semseter in the dorms through the night access doors. Thanks to Ms. Nomad, we will no longer have to worry about people going where they do not belong." He looked at Nomad with a glance that wasn't lost on Jim. Smythe didn't like Nomad.

The crowd fell utterly silent as the sultry Kelly Nomad came up beside the oblivious director of security. The crowd could've cared about people breaking into the dorms. Most of the illegal entries were residents who'd locked themselves out, and the students had little to fear living in such a rural area.

Jim craned his neck from the back of the crowd for a better

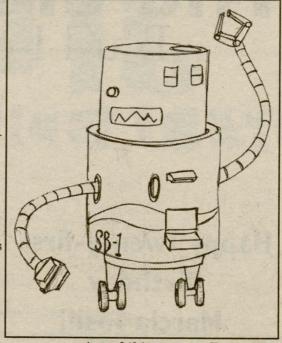
view of this woman. Short skirt that pushed respectability hard mixed with a walk that would've fit in on a street corner, she casually made her way to the podium.

"I am here to donate to this college something that will make your stays here a much more pleasant and safe experience,"

She finished her brief statement with a wave of her arm.
Two assistants wheeled a small cart holding a sheet covered object in from the hallway behind the large room. "Behold, automated sentries for your dorms to keep you safe at night."

She pulled the sheet off revealing a five foot tall metal and plastic machine. It looked mostly like a silver bullet on short wheels, but had several limbs that stretched out several feet away from the body. Across its front in large letters was the designation: SB1. "You may have noticed the recent automation of the college switchboard. This is thanks to the technology of the specialty SB unit, SB-CRI."

The administrators and a few students started applauding. Most of the crowd looked around with bored expressions on their faces. Jim gave a token two claps andwatched the crowd for Mark, who was still late. No sign.



Giving Thanks Luncheon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH 11:30 PM - 1:30 PM

BRIEF PROGRAM AT 12:15 PM

Join us for this opportunity to reflect on the positive people and things in our lives.

All students, faculty and staff are welcome. (Non-meal plan students cost: \$2.00)



The Critic Bulletin

The Critic is reserving it's back page for any notices or announcements!

If you have any special news or information to convey to The Critic's readers in the LSC community. Drop us a line!

Happy Twenty-first Birthday Marcia Tosi!!

From: Stacy

Open Forums With Carol Moore

A Revised open forum with the president will be held Friday, Nobvember 20, 1998 between the hours 12:00 - 1:00 pm. It will be in the Theatre Wing B (ACT 130). Students are welcome to share their conerns about issues that are on their minds.

Target: Hunger

A.S.S.I.S.T food drive to benefit Lyndon Area Food Shelf. There are boxes all over campus.

A.S.S.I.S.T. **PENNY WARS**

The jars that you see in the Student Center and in Aramark are a part of a penny war between clubs and organizations on campus to raise money for the Lyndon Area Food Shelf. The club or organization with the largest positive total at the end wins. Prize: The club that wins gets the total dollar amount donated in their

- REPORTERS
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No experience necessary! Looks good on a resume! See your work in print!

Next meeting: In The Critic office (room Vail104). For anyone in the LSC community who needs to get the word out or boost support for their club, team, event, or activity, contact The Critic, box 7951 or phone X 6215.

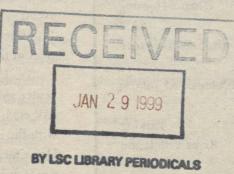
The staff at The Critic wishes you a relaxing, well earned Thanksgiving break!

Residence Halls Closing
Thanksgiving break is Sat. Nov. 21st through Sun. Nov 29th. The Halls close at 10:00am on Saturday and open on noon on Sunday.

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Chris Ummer is Coach of the Year!

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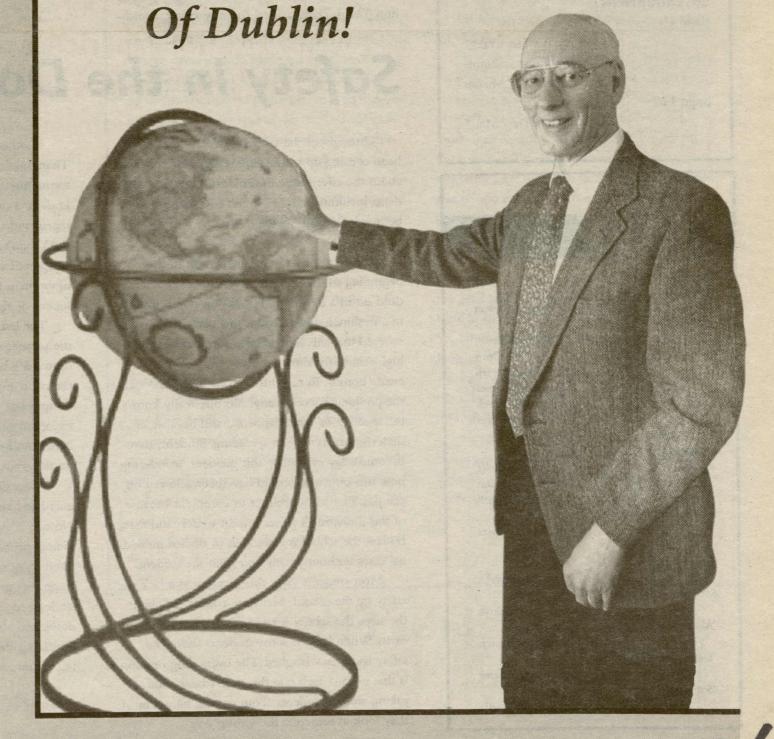
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Womens B-Ball Scores Big!

Area Concerts, Movies, and more...

In our New and Improved Entertainment section!

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"Mountain Dew Man"

To Student Club Officers and Club Members

DON'T FORGET!

In order to help plan, publicize and carry out events, it is now required that all Big Event Sheets be reviewed by Trish Turner Seadale, Director of Student Activities, before they are distributed. These must get to her two weeks before the event.

When planning an event, here are the basic rules of thumb:

- 1. If you need a campus facility (Student center, gym, ATT, classroom, etc.) or equipment (AV, etc.), first make verbal, face-to-face contact with the college person responsible for that area.

 Don't forget: Absolutely everything electrical needs to be run by Pete Fitzpatrick in maintenance.
 - 2. Next, follow-up around two weeks in advance with a typed Big Event Sheet. Bring it to Ms. Seadale to review. It's best if you see her in person so you can go over it right then and there. If Ms. Seadale is not in her office, call to set up a time to see her.
 - 3. Finally, close to the event, make any necessary confirmation phone calls or office visits just to make sure you're all set.

At your next club meeting, please bring your calendar and report back to Ms. Seadale with all upcoming events: event title, date, time and location. This is really critical for advertising, coordi-

nating, and implementing your programs. Please note: At the end of this semester all clubs will be required to submit a report of their activities for the fall 1998 semester and an outline of events planned for spring 1999 semester. The fall report is due before you leave for break and is required documentation. Your end of semester reports must include budget summaries (what you have spent and on what).

Ms. Seadale realizes that this may feel like "red tape" and a lot of paperwork, but please know that it is absolutely necessary in order for our many outstanding, active clubs to carry out their programs in the most organized and successful way and with the greatest degree of support from my office and the many other supportive offices on campus.

The student clubs at LSC are very much a positive influence on campus life. Your hard work and dedication is recognized and appreciated. Please remember Ms. Seadale is here to support your efforts.

Editor's Note: Ms. Seadale is not available for this semester due to complications with her pregnancy. Her job is being handled by the Student Life Department.

Stacy Patterson

Safety in the Dorms

Throughout the fall semester students have been coming up to me expressing their concerns about the safety issue in the dorms. Many students including myself haven't felt safe this year because of certain incidents that have occurred this year.

These concerns were raised right in the beginning of the semester. RA's discovered a dead cat in a freezer and books on bomb making in a freshmen's dorm room this year. I've also discovered that this individual was suspended from high school for showing other students how to create bombs. To top this off, this individual was the president's work study! No one really knows the specifics of what happened and because of that, rumors have been spreading. Students have become edgy ever since this incident, wondering how this individual could have been allowed on campus. The school refuses to comment because of this individual's privacy, and I understand that. By law, the school is forbidden to discuss individual cases without permission from the student.

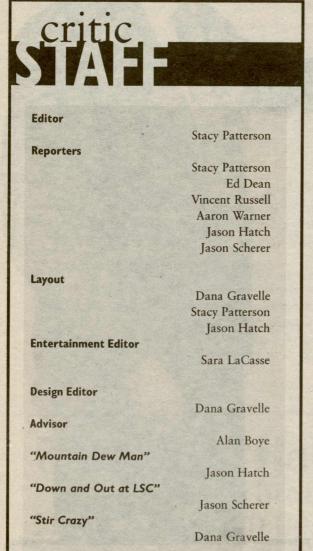
Most students view this incident as a lack of safety by the school. Many are concerned about the steps the school is taking to protect the students. When I asked some students about the safety issue, they laughed. The overriding opinion is that no one feels safe this year. I hear a lot of joking among students about getting blown up if they look at someone the wrong way.

Another incident happened just before Thanksgiving break when RA's were checking rooms after everyone left. They found a huge knife in a student's room. The student didn't get reprimanded and is still on campus because the RA's didn't go into the room looking for weapons. I understand students rights and promote them but doesn't the student body's needs supersede the individuals needs?

The last incident happened in the middle of the semester. An upper classmen attacked his roommate because he couldn't read the news on the radio anymore. He was allowed to stay on campus but was moved into a single. Does this make sense? This individual tried to physically harm another student and was just given a slap on the wrist. To me, that's pretty scary.

These situations have put students on their guard and are making them extremely nervous. No one is asking the school to break any individuals privacy but to allow students the understanding of what safeguards the college is using to protect us. I think that gesture will allow the students to see first hand what the college is doing and also to ask questions that have been bothering them. Right now, the college isn't saying anything and that is a statement on its own!

Stacy Patterson



Is LSC Dying?

Every civilization rises and falls. It is the nature of things - nothing lasts fbrever. And when a civilization undergoes its death throes, those in the middle of it more often than not remain blissfully unaware, going about their business as if everything is normal.

Keeping this in mind, a basic question must be asked - is Lyndon State College dying?

Such a question can be shocking to some, granted - things look all right, on the surface.

But there are those who, when looking under the surface, see signs of irreversable decay.

Enrollment at Lyndon is down. Granted, it's down from a peak year - but the halls seem emptier than they every have been since I arrived.

Many beds remain empty on campus.

When I arrived here, there was almost always people out and about in Stonehenge talking, playing with Frisbees or hackey sacks. Some would play their guitars and bongos for the entertainment of all. And in the winter, there would be snowball fights while music blared out open windows. People would always be sitting on the porch of

Wheelock, smoking, talking, laughing. Now, walking through campus, it's hke a deserted ghost town, complete with tumbleweed lazily rolling across the deserted walkways. A theory has been voiced by some that people attend college for academics only. Then why in high school were we all told that college also allows an individual to take major steps in social maturation?

Student government almost always has open posistions – a fact that boggles the mind.

Perhaps the most intportant organization on campus, the Senate has trouble filling its slots. Shouldn't the students care about the body which helps makes the rules for them?

There are over four hundred people living on campus – at the dining hall, it's a good night of two hundred people attend dinner. Major changes have been made in the service and food quality there – yet almost half of the student population eats elsewhere.

Artistic events at campus suffer from a severe lack of attendance. The Twilight Players performed an award-winning play last semester, and attendace peaked around one hundred students. Lectures, performances, and debates are lucky to have such an audience.

In classes, a teacher's questions are met with blank stares and omnious silences. In high school, there are many who don't want to be there – teenagers are required by law to attened school. But in college, people are there because they want to be there. They should be eager to talk, debate, and expand their minds.

Every club has shown a decline in membership - clubs that are responsible for bringing events and entertainment to the campus. Without them, the campus would have nothing to offer the students.

So once again, the question must be asked - is Lyndon State College dying?

Jason Scherer

Down OUT

By Jason Sherer

People all around the country are rescheduling their lives so that they may be present forhis great and glorious even in history. A ritual, perhaps older than time itself, looms just over the horizon – primitive in aspect, warlike in performace, yet dignified, hallowed, and glorious for all those involved. Shouts of anticipation and joy arise from the masses of the bloodthirsty as they dance the ceremonial dances of Finding The Perfect Snack, and Finding Something For The Wife To Do. Families cash in their life-insurance policies in order to pay for the massive feasts in celebration of this age-oldtradition.

Yes, that's right - the Superbowl is upon us. For those of you who have lived on one of Saturn's moons all your life and don't comprehend the enormity of this event (and even there, you should have at least heard of it), the Superbowl looks down from its pedastal at all the other dinky little sports championships: the World Cup, the World Series, the Stanley Cup, the East Liverpool Bi-Annual Cricket Championship Match, and the Lower Oakland Roller-Derby Finals.

The Superbowl is the greatest place a team could possibly stand - the pinnacle of sports skill, a place where those who excel at crushing an oppnent's skull without the use of large blunt objects meet and do battle for the title of being "the best". Indeed, there is perhaps nothing more American than gathering with friends and loved ones on this special day around the glass teat, watching men (most of whom are larger than God himself) dressed in small pants that accent the buttocks quite well runnning around chasing a srnall pigskin ball and performing acts of brutality that were outlawed by the Geneva Convention, while we stuff our faces with quantities of grease and cholesterol that have been known to clog large sewage pipes when poured down the drain. God bless America for such an event! Without such a thing, the very fiber, the very spit-and-bailing wire that holds America together, would distintegrate into nothingness.

Something about this event stirs a feeling deep in the heart of every American, something that cannot be aroused at any other time: a sense of community. When you sit and watch the Superbowl, you know that millions upon millons of people around the world are also sitting and watching this dance of carnage. You know that somewhere else, someone who may look very different than you is also shouting,

"Hey, you *&A\$% ref! You stink! Go \$A%\$ your ~~\$\$# with your %*&&* and then go \$%&A yourself with french onion dip!" It's a wonderful feeling to know that other feel the same.

Perhaps all this occurs because football is like war - two sides line up in battle formation, drooling at the mouths - the smell of blood and death hangs heavy in the air - they pick the wedgies caused by their leotard pants and growl, ready to kill the enemy with a word from their general coach. Great strategies are formed by specialists, strategies like: "Hey Mongo! See that guy over there? Rip his arms off!", or "All right, Bobo, take the ball and run until you have to stop!" These coaches could have been students at Sun Tzu's ancient war academy, their minds are so sharp and resilient.

War stirs great things in Americans, wonderful things, like re-naming sauerkraut liberty cabbage, or torching oneself on the steps of our nation's capitol. War and football raise emotions to a level so grand, so intense, they resemble the feeling displayed when a new episode of "Greg and Dharma" is pre~mpted by Clinton giving his daily apology to the nation for his newest sexual escapade: a Viking-like propensity for violence.

And the celebrations after one's hometown team wins the grand prize of all the universe show humanity at its finest. People loot their city in search of goods to offer to the football gods, drink enough alcohol to empty the Anhieser-Busch factory, and run around throwing large, heavy objects at people, animals, and windows, perhaps to emulate their favorite players. Some even perform human sacrifice in great, baizing infernos that reach to the heavens, fires that pray for the football gods to smile with favor upon their city, even though by the end of the celebration there won't be a city left. Maybe Buffalo should have these sacrifices before the Superbowl: then they might win for once. Perhaps the Superbowl should occur every weekend - then Americans could feel the sense of community brought about by this bloody, beautifully violent ballet every week.

Shouldn't we all want to make America a better place? The Superbowl, and football in general, with its grace, tradition, and all-around medievalness, gets my vote as the best thing in America today.

Is Theme Housing a Plus?? If it isn't...it's happening anyway

By Aaron Warner

While the numbers living on campus are down, Residential Life is optimistic for next year. Late October informal discussion began about designing new residence hall programs designed to keep returning students interested in on-campus housing. Involved in the discussion were administrators Sher Hruska and Joe Bellavance, staff members and professors Austin Anderson, Linda Wacholder and John Kascenska, and RA's Tim Rzewuski and Sharon Smith.

When questioned about Residential Life's plans to keep returning students interested in the residence halls, Anderson listed a number of ideas. Residential Life plans to redesign the residence hall living environment by integrating academics into the halls.

Theme floors, oriented around shared interests between students, are being looked at as the best possibility for implementation next year. Themes discussed: mathematics and science; recreation; communications and the humanities; creativity and the arts. Each building would have a single smallscale theme floor, split into a men's suite and a women's suite. These floors would not be restricted to students enrolled in a matching major, but would house students who express strong interest in the appropriate theme.

Wheelock Residence Hall will house the "Wheelock Living-Learning Center." The title living-learning centers is not new. UVM has had one since the 1970s. The Wheelock Living-Learning Center

would orient around 16 new students, and 8 upper classmen would act as mentors for those 16. Living on the same floor, designated a Tracking and Helping floor, the 8 mentors would be informed contacts for their mentes with any issues the new students have.

Members of the informal committee want to integrate the program with the first year program New Student Seminar.

Residential Life is examining the two off-campus residence halls, Matthewson House and Gray House, for opportunities to involve Career Services and faculty in activities in those halls. Austin Anderson stated both off-campus residence halls are being reviewed to make them more "financially interesting."

The group will meet in the

upcoming weeks to formalize their plans, and expect to release a pamphlet late February or early March detailing where the them floors will be and how room reserving will work. Anderson explained there may be some students who will not be able to keep their current room next year. Theme floors will require students planning to live on-campus next fall reserve rooms quickly.

There will be no public discussion of theme floors and their impact. Anderson said, "We're not looking for the thumbs up from the people. This will happen." He said he welcomes any comments students may have once the plans have been officially announced with the pamphlets. Residential Life plans to implement the theme floor proposal in the fall of 1999.

Student and Administrative Initiative (SASI)

By Stacy Patterson

The Vermont State College committee has been working hard to strengthen the quality and effectiveness of the technology infrastructure and services to students. The Core Process Review Team has devoted much of their time and energy creating visions to strength-

en the quality and efficiency of the services to students. The final report will be available on the SASI web site. Joe Bellavance of LSC is on this committee, if any students have any questions about the

The vision of the SASI is: to focus on service to their clients, the use of resources committed to their

primary mission of teaching, learning and public service, the organizational structure and processes that facilitate client services, to have broader and deeper access to information to support decision making, flexible organization that quickly adapts to the changing environment and finally, wise, strategic use of technology to

achieve their vision.

If anyone has any questions or suggestions, contact Bob Burnham or Tim Donovan at sasi@quark.vsc.edu or check out the web page at http://www.sasi.vsc.edu

Retention task force news

How to get involved with actions taken to keep students on campus

By Jason Hatch

Last fall, the Retention Task Force was created by the LSC administration to look into the retention efforts. According to Joe Bellavance, Dean of Enrollment Management and chair of the retention committee, LSC's average retention of first time freshman students to their sophomore year is 61 percent. From last year to this past year, that rate was 57 percent. Along with the budget shortfall for the 1998-1999 school year, the retention of students became a priority for the administration. The two go hand in hand, since stabilized enrollments would translate into stabilized budget amounts.

From the advent of the retention committee, many changes have taken place per the suggestions of the faculty, staff, and students on the task force. Some of these changes have directly affected nearly every student's life at LSC and are already known, such as the work-study checks and the class schedules delivery to mailboxes instead of the previouslycumbersome pickup at the information desk. To the businessoffice, students may charge the replacement fee for their student ID, pay for packages, and pay add/drop fees directly to their account. If a student has a balance at the business office at the end of a semester, report cards and grades are no

longer withheld, but the debt would have to be paid for a transcript. Getting in touch with a part-time faculty member became easier with the addition of voice mail available for every part-time instructor through the switchboard. During registration for the spring semester, 15 faculty participated in the new on-line registration to ease lines and aching feet-from standing in lines.

The intramural department is now offering free passes to Gold Crown Bowling Lanes for students and for golfing at the Barton Country Club in the spring. See Sue Henry for more information.

Some of the long term plans for the retention committee that will be worked on this semester include, an increase in the number of "quiet" suites and floor and the possibility of having an optional meal plan for Matthewson house students, making some of the academic skill testing for some of the transfer students optional, adding computer facilities to the residence halls, increased on and off-campus programming, and improving orientation and first contact for students.

Dean Bellavance is very open to further suggestions from the college community and is willing to discuss concerns that are brought to him.

History professor Al Toborg is... "On The Road Again"

Our 39 year LSC veteran looks back on his time at Lyndon State College

By Ed Dean ISTORY PROFESSOR AL TOBORG is retiring from Lyndon State College this May after 39 years of teaching history and German. Over the course of nearly two-score years Professor Toborg has witnessed a fair share of Lyndon State College's history first-hand and has even written a brief history of the college which he proudly keeps taped up on his office door.

Professor Graham Newell, who was the head of the History department at Lyndon State in the early 60s and 70s, first hired Dr. Toborg to teach at LSC in 1960. The two history professors have remained friends ever since. In fact, they still have a tradition where Newell has dinner with Dr. Toborg and wife, Linda, on the good doctor's birthday.

With a travel itinerary that looks more like it belongs to James Bond than a mild-mannered history professor from Lyndon State, Dr. Toborg has traveled the globe extensively attending seminars, presenting history papers, and satisfying his fascination with Frederick the Great with research in the countries of England, France, the former republics of East Germany and West Germany, Luxemborg, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, and the Czech Republic."Prague is a wonderful city," Dr. Toborg said.

World travel and more historical research that fuels a dissertation that he hopes will eventually be published as a book about Frederick the Great of Prussia figure largely into Professor Toborg's future plans after he retires from LSC. "My doctoral dissertation is on Frederic the Great of Prussia, his relations with Great Britain during the American revolution. I needed to go back to the 18th century Prussian archives, but they were in East Germany at the time and they wouldn't let anybody in. So I spent five weeks in London going through the British Public Record Office of the British Library. Years later, I got permission, I went back and I did get into the archives when it was East Germany still. And I went back again after the Wall came down. Since then I've done some more

research in Paris, Vienna, and London. So I have this great stack of note cards at home that relate to Frederick the Great. I'm hoping eventually, when I retire, to take all that information and incorporate it into my dissertation and get a book out of it. My dissertation, itself, is certainly book-size--- it's over 300 pages," Professor

Toborg said.

Historically speaking, Dr. Toborg has seen a lot of changes take place at Lyndon State College since that day in 1960 when a friend drove him up to the college in a VW bug. "When I first came here the college consisted of the old Vail Manor and Burklyn and a few out buildings around the place. The boys lived up in Burklyn. In fact, Bud Ebbett and I came the same day, we actually moved together up there. In Vail, you had the administration, you had all the classes, the girls' dormitory, and faculty offices. In fact, Graham Newell and I once shared an office that wasn't even as big as this room," Toborg said, as he sat in a chair in his small office. "It was right next to the girls dormitory. My desk was right up against the wall where the girls shower was on the other side and you could hear them singing in the shower. The old Vail was a wonderful old building. It was a real community. It was a home for everybody that was there. We had around 300 students and you knew everyone. The president was Robert E. Long. Suzanne Gallagher was the Dean of Students. The students ran the bookstore. We had a housemother both here and up at Burklyn. At that time, we were just a teacher's training institution," recalled Toborg.

Noting that attitudes were different back then and that it is truly a bygone era, Dr. Toborg noted that he met his wife, Linda, when she was a student at LSC taking one of his courses. "I danced with Linda at an event at the college once and I asked President Long if it was O.K. if we dated. And he said 'Who's the student?' I told him and he said 'Oh, then it's O.K..' Today, I think things like that couldn't happen. But several faculty members ended up marrying students - and all those marriages have lasted,"



Dr. Toborg in his office

said Professor Toborg, adding that he and his wife have been married 34 years.

Professor Toborg said that what he has enjoyed most about teaching at the college all these years is interaction with the students. "You feel as though you're taking minds that are eager for knowledge and you're helping to feed that eagerness," he said. Dr. Toborg also emphasized the important role the teaching of history plays in the education of

young people.

"I think it's very important because history encompasses so many parts of life. It's not just politics. Some people think it's just past politics, wars and battles, but it's not. History includes every aspect of this vast civilization -it's about culture, religion, architecture, literature, the sciences, philosophy and the history of ideas...all of this is encompassed in the study of history," Professor

Toborg said.

This summer Professor Toborg will travel to Dublin, Ireland to share some important historical insights at a seminar there in July. But he plans to return again to Lyndonville where he still lives and will continue his work as a deacon in the St. Elizabethis Catholic Church. He also plans to continue with a newfound interest: learning to play the piano and singing in the Community Chorus. "I've always wanted to do something with music, but never felt I had the time before. Maybe now I'll have the time" he

Re-accredidation process is underway

What will LSC get for a grade?

By Stacy Patterson

Once every ten years colleges need to be re-evaluated to make sure they are teaching and providing students a certain level of education. Every college in the United States has to go through this, no matter how big or small. It allows other colleges the knowledge that Lyndon State College is a legitimate school. LSC is going through this process right now.

This process includes having students evaluate whether or not LSC is up to the standards of what a college should be at. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) is the organization that will be coming to LSC. They will judge us on

eleven specific standards which will cover every aspect of the school. Examples of this is the Financial Aid Office, Library, Student Services and Academic programs.

The college first has to do a self study, in which we judge ourselves on the eleven standards. This is a large report that is due out this summer. Then, next October, a team of five or six people from the NEASC will spend three days at LSC to look over the entire campus and its facilities. Then, the team will write up a report about their findings at LSC. This report will be the basis for Lyndon's re-accredidation. If all goes well, the NEASC should hand down its decision by the

spring of 2000. But, if the NEASC decides that LSC needs to fix some problems before reaccredidating it, LSC would have to do another self study in two years.

Throughout the fall semester, LSC created many committees and subcommittees to deal with this issue. Each of these subcommittees has been assigned a specific standard and has been gathering information to write an accurate description of each standard. There are about 45-50 students, faculty and administrators working on this project. Each subcommittee had to have their standards in by December 11th so that a first draft of the self study could be written.

Once all the standards are in,

Alan Boye, chair of the re-accredidation committee, will organize everything into what will be the self study. This document can only be 100 pages long, so some editing will be inevitable. This process will last most of the spring semester. In mid January a draft of the self study will be available to anyone who wants to read it.

This self study has to accurately show LSC's strengths and weaknesses to the NEASC. LSC cannot lie about anything concerning the school. This will be an extremely revealing document that will be worth reading.

Parking Problem?

By Jason Scherer

Many commuters at LSC have recently voiced the opinion that the college suffers from a lack of parking. These complaints have grown over the past two years, and seem most prominent in the winter.

"It stinks," said one student, a non-traditional commuter. "I get here at ten in the morning, and there isn't a parking spot in sight. I end up having to walk forever, so I'usually late for class."

According to Charles Lacaillade, head of security, "(Commuters) can park anywhere-except behind Wheelock or Aramark. People with Stonehenge parking stickers can only park in Stonehenge."

One of the problems in the past has been people with Stonehenge parking perrnits parking in the Vail parking lot."I do



Wheelock parking lot is overwhelmed by commuters

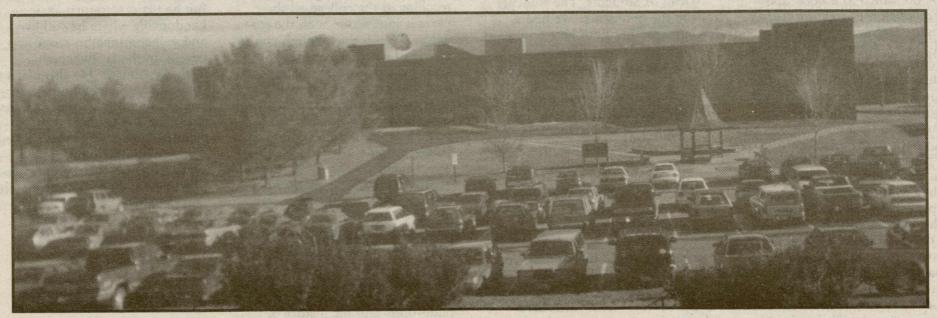
plan on checking the parking lots frequently after this week," Lacaillade said. He also stated that those who have been ticketed multiple times can expect their cars to be towed.

If the Vail parking lot is over-

run, said Lacaillade, then commuters can park in the second half of the Faculty--Staff parking lot near the mailroom or in the Stonehenge parking lot.

The parking lot behind Aramark is reserved for faculty and staff only. One factor in the increase in commuter cars is that there are more in-state than out of state students this year, a fact that was reversed in recent years, said Austin Anderson, Director of Student Life. According to Richard Lee, the college registrar, 638 students commuted and 464 lived on campus. Commuter figures are not finalized for this semester, but according to Anderson there are 446 students living on campus this semester.

The amount of parking spots has been cut by the amount of snow received so far, but Lacaillade believes that there is still plenty of parking left. "Commuters have three places to park," Lacaillade said. "Dorm students only have two."



T.N. Vail parking lot at its busiest part of the afternoon

Budget shortfall once again?

By Aaron Warner

With a higher than expected enrollment this spring there will be some extra money to help deal with the deficit that arose last

In October, while struggling with a lower than expected fall enrollment, Dean Administration Wayne Hamilton's office drew up new enrollment projections for the upcoming spring semester. Refinements of the expected enrollment for the spring semester are made every two weeks in the fall, through November. The October projection was much lower than had originally been expected when the budgets were submitted to the Chancellor's office in June.

of Enrollment Management Joe Bellavance said the total number of students enrolled this spring is 1,120. He explained the total number is not used to determine Lyndon State revenues. Revenue is determined by Full Time Equivalency, or FTE. FTE is the number of students enrolled for 12 or more credits, the number of credits required to be considered full time. Students enrolled in fewer than 12 credit hours during a semester are considered part-time. Part-time students are grouped together based on how many credits they have to make 12 credits.

In October, based on the fall enrollment and past statistics, full time equivalency enrollment for the spring was projected at 995 students. The actual full time equivalency enrollment is 1,021, more than last semester's projections, but less than had been projected at this time last year. This means there will be some money available for the school to offset what remains of the shortfall developed this past fall.

Although Lyndon receives funds each semester, it budgets for a fiscal year. The fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. TO draft the budget, projections are made a year in advance of what the FTE will be. Because all full-time students pay a flat rate it is possible to estimate how much money will be available in an upcoming year by using the FTE format. Budgets are

drafted based on those FTE estimations, and presented to the LSC Board of Trustees for approval.

The projections made last year at this time assumed there would be an FTE of 1,034 students during the spring of '99. When fewer students arrived for the fall of '98, it was necessary to re-project the numbers for the coming spring semester. The new projections estimated an FTE enrollment of 995 students. Budgets were then adjusted to figures based on that number of students.

Bellavance said the yearly budget is revised each semester based on how much money is actually available compared to how much had been expected to be available. If money is simply being transferred from one category to another, it is an internal budget revision and can be done automatically. Major changes to the budget, as happened last semester when fewer students enrolled, must be approved by Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges Charles

Hamilton handles budgeting and revenues for Lyndon State

College. He said the fall FTE being lower than expected resulted in an \$800,000 shortfall. Plans were implemented to save money for the remainder of the fiscal year. Fully \$700,000 of the short fall was accounted in this fashion, leaving another \$100,000 still to deal with.

With a higher FTE than expected this spring, there will be some extra money available. That money will be put towards closing the \$100,000 gap. Hamilton said Lyndon State College has reserves that, with the Chancellor's approval, can be used to offset the remainder of the shortfall.

Hamilton said the possibility of a tuition hike at LSC is unlikely as a result of the shortfall. "I'd say no, because tuition is looked at as a system," he said. He does feel there will be some kind of tuition increase, but the impact of the shortfall on that is likely to be

LSC-TV Honored at Social Reception

By Stacy Patterson

Lyndon State College recognized its student-produced, nationally acclaimed newscast at a reception on December 14th at 4 p.m. in the Burke Mountain Room. LSC-TV NewsCenter 2 was named the best college newscast in the country by the Society of Professional Journalists in its annual Mark of Excellence Competition.

A delegation of LSC-TV students and faculty attended the SPJ National Convention in Los Angeles to receive their award on October 23rd. This is the second year in a row LSC-TV has won this award. They have beat out other schools from across the country to take first place in one of eight television news categories. Judges based their decision on accuracy and completeness, effectiveness, ingenuity, writing style and extenuating circumstances.

NewsCenter 2 is a production of LSC-TV on Kingdom Access Television, which reaches 8,000 households in Northeastern Vermont and parts of New Hampshire. It is broadcast twice a day during the school year from LSC.

Ummer named NAIA Northeast Region Coach of the year

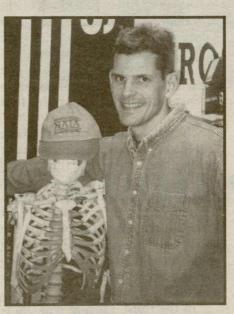
By Stacy Patterson

The Lyndon State College cross country coach Christopher Ummer was named the NAIA Northeast Region Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year. Ummer led the LSC mens team to its first-ever regional championship and a 30th place finish at the NAIA National Cross Country Championships in November.

The LSC men went undefeated in the NAIA northeast region and were ranked in the NAIA top 25 team time guide for two straight weeks. They also became the first team from New England to receive votes for the NAIA top 25 rankings. Ummer was named the Mayflower Coach of the Year after this Hornets won the Mayflower Conference Championships.

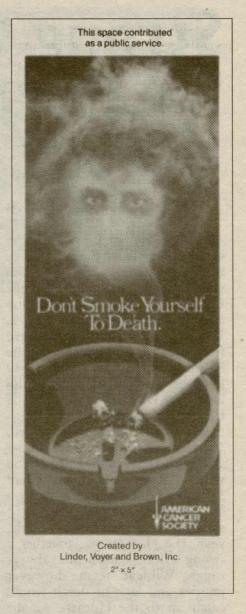
The Hornets' accomplishments are impressive in light of their recent history. In 1995, none of the members of Ummer's team had experience running cross country. Three of those novices, Christopher Spears, Sean Fisher and Michael Bruhn helped lead the team to nationals this year.

"Chris is the sort of person that you want to make an effort for," said Bruhn, a three-time national qualifier. "He's always



supportive and looking at the positive side of things. But he's very intense about what he's trying to do with his program."

Ummer, Lyndon State's director of athletic training and an adjunct instructor in the physical education department, has coached at LSC for six years; this is his fourth year with the men's



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Hornet Women's Basketball Team Blasts Simon's Rock, 87-13

By Ed Dean

Lyndon Center — The Lyndon State College women's basketball team picked up its fourth win of the season on December 6th as they pulverized Simon's Rock, 87-

Jamie Eaton grabbed 10

rebounds, blocked two shots, stole four and scored 17 points to lead the Lady Hornets to the crushing defeat of an inexperienced Simon's Rock squad.

The Lady Hornets allowed only four first-half points while scoring 55 en route to victory. Anna Cavallaro and Tara Bartlett both recorded 14 points and Cavallaro added four steals to the effort with Bartlett pulling down nine boards.

Sabrina Matthews dished out 11 assists to add to her four points.

Hornets' coach Dave Mellor said of the impressive win, "They are a young, inexperienced program and this game gave us the opportunity to try some new things."

The win improved the Hornets





Strong Outings for Hornet Hockey

By Vincent Russell

On the weekend of December 4th, the Lyndon State Hockey team resumed its 1998-99 season with two games. Friday night the U.N.H. club team came to Lyndon and downed the Hornets 5-2. U.N.H. got on the scoreboard first, but Erik McLoughlin got the Hornets on the board with 13:30 left in the first period. McLoughlin beat the U.N.H. goalie with a tricky backhanded shot through the five hole while shorthanded. Ieff Garcia had the second Hornet goal with 16:04 in the third period with a nice feed from Chad Sylvester. Garcia went top shelf on the gloveside with a nasty wrist shot for his second goal of the year. The Hornets put together a strong effort against the always tough Wildcat team, however injuries and lack of depth would catch up to the Hornets. Goalie Chris Norway had another strong outing turning away 37 U.N.H.

Sunday night the Hornets traveled to New England College where they played Colby Sawyer. Lyndon got on the scoreboard first when Matt Ecker scored with the assist going to Jeremy Smail. Also scoring in the first period was Erik McLoughlin from Brian Clark and Vinny Forgione, Jeff Garcia scored shorthanded from McLoughlin and Clark scored his first of three goals from Gracia to give the Hornets a 4-0 lead after the first

In the second period Clark scored; Forgione scored; Clark got his hat trick with his third goal, and Forgione tallied his second goal of the night. Rick Dow, Clark McLoughlin, and Forgione all had assists in the second period. Colby Sawyer got on the board with two goals in the period. After two periods the score was LSC 8, Colby Sawyer 2.

In the third, scoring was limited to Jeremy Smail, scoring his first of the season. Colby Sawyer matched it with one of their own with the final score of LSC 9, Colby Sawyer 3. Kevin Sullivan started his first game of the year with an impressive win. Sullivan faced 29 shots, making 26 saves. It was a superb start for the freshman goalie. Rick Dow leads the Hornets into Maine Saturday when they take on Bates College.

Intramural Update

Flag Football — the Chefs will meet the 40's to decide who will play in the Championship game against the Frugal Gormets.

Women's Street Hockey — The Bumblers will face-off against the Swedish fish to get into the finals against the Lady Motivators.

Wallyball — Dudley's Duds remain undefeated.

Wiffleball — Provolone Cheese XVIII and Mental Confusion appear to be the favorites, but with 8 teams still alive, anything could happen.

Championship GamesInner-tube Water-polo — Liquid Fury vs Jacuzzi P-Stars

Men's Basketball —

"A" league - Should've Been Cheese vs Absolute Strohs

"B" league — Out of Work Stars vs Cheese w/o Whine "C" league - Baked Potatoes vs Chick Magnets

Women's Basketball — Bumblers vs Sugar Magnolias

Men's Street Hockey —

"A" league — Untouchables vs Leftovers

"B" league — 60,000 Slices of Pizza vs Broad Street Bullies

Ultimate Frisbee — The Wheelock Destroyers vs the Fur Bearing Trout

Professional Wrestling

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Next semester, look for sign-ups for Basketball and Street Hockey as soon as you return. Other sports and activities (indoor soccer, lacross, water polo and others) will begin shortly after the semester gets under-

Hornet Men's Basketball Team Dunks Thomas College, 93-68

By Ed Dean

Northfield, Vt — The Lyndon State College men's basketball team improved its record to 5-3 on the season by crushing Thomas College of Maine 93-68 on December 6th in the second day of the Hockenbury Tournament at

Norwich.

The Hornets' win featured the red-hot shooting of Jamie Kingsbury who had eight 3-pointers in the game and scored 34 points.

"Kingsbury had 28 in the first half. He was just on fire and we got him the ball," Tim Kelly, LSC's men's basketball coach, said after the game. "He was six-of-seven for threes in the first half and he was lightening it up. We played some good defense."

Kelly said that sophomore Joe Layn also had a good game, pulling down 11 rebounds while Shane Garceau came off the bench to boost the team which had a bit of a letdown in the second half.

The LSC men's basketball team plays Castleton, a Mayflower Conference foe, on December

LSC Cross Country Team Caps Best Season Ever

By Ed Dean

Kenosha, Wis.

The Lyndon State College men's cross country team capped off a spectacular season by running to 30th place out of 35 teams at the NAIA National Cross Country Championships on November. 21st.

According to Chris Ummer, the LSC cross country coach, the 30th place finish by his team at the National Championship race is the highest team finish ever by a Mayflower Conference team and the highest team finish by an LSC men's cross country team.

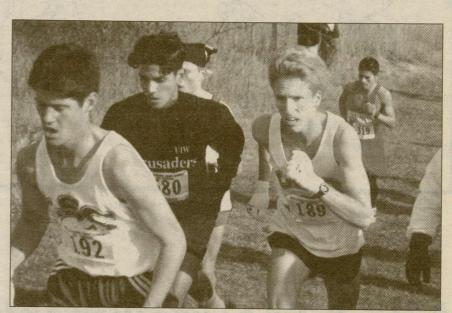
Mike Bruhn, LSC's plucky 38 year old front-runner, led the Hornets once again with a run into 158th place at 27:10 over the 8k course. A veteran harrier who has raced at nationals before, Bruhn posted his best time ever for the course by over a minute in what will probably be his last collegiate race.

Sean Fisher was LSC's second man in as he raced into 189th place with 27:37. Third man in for the Hornets was Nick Savoie who nabbed 220th place at 27:58.

Chris Spears sailed into fifth place for LSC as he took 245th place at 28:12. Fellow Hornet Randy Feeley flew into 256th place at 28:23. LSC's seventh runner to cross the finish line was Andy St. Amour who raced into 284th place at 29:12. Rounding out the Hornets' charge to the finish line was LSC's Jon Dodge who nabbed 302nd place with 30:07.

Elizabeth Chase, LSC's lone woman to compete at the national meet, raced to a time of 21:16 over the 5k women's course to land 262nd place.

Although the Hornets were aiming for a 25th place team finish Coach Ummer said that the team is "looking at it not as a disappointment, but as a goal we have yet to achieve."



Nick Savoie and Sean Fisher work their way through the pack of opponants



The team gathers together for a pre-race ritual

Fall Sports Awards Announced at Lyndon State

By Stacy Patterson

At the fall sports reception at Lyndon State College, Sabrina Matthews, sophmore, was named the Most Valuable Player of the woman's tennis team. Matthews captured the NAIA Regional Tennis Championship for the first time in LSC women's tennis history. This is her first year of playing competitive tennis. Jennifer Ellam, senior, received the Coach's Award. She was ranked No. 4 in

singles and No. 2 in doubles.

Harvest Fadden, sophmore, received the Coach's Award, and Elizabeth Chase, senior, was named the Most Valuable Runner for the women's cross country team. Chase, along with the men's team, qualified for the NAIA National Championships this season. Michael Bruhn, senior, was named the Most Valuable Runner, while Christopher Spears, senior, received the Coach's Award. This year the men won the NAIA

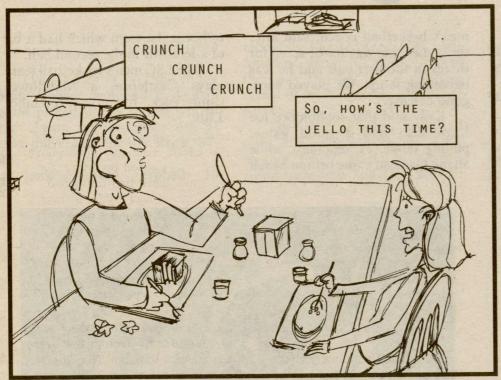
Northeast Regionals.

Heidi Fortin, senior, was named the Most Valuable Player for women's soccer. Tina Burns, senior, received the Coach's Award for her superior effort on defense. Scott McKim, freshman, was named Most Valuable Player for the men's soccer team. Senior captain Jeremy Johnson received the Anderson Award, which goes to a player who elevates the play of those around him.

Scholar-athletes participating

in fall sports were Michael Bruhn, Barry Matulaitis, Anja Gilbert, Harvest Fadden, Ronald Rivard, Michael Pelletier, Jonathon Smith, Jonathon Delaney, Melissa Hall, Belinda Clarke, Shauna Hale, Anne Nault, Jennifer Ellam and Brandi Thorpe. Lyndon State College scholar-athletes have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above after completing at least two full semesters at the college.

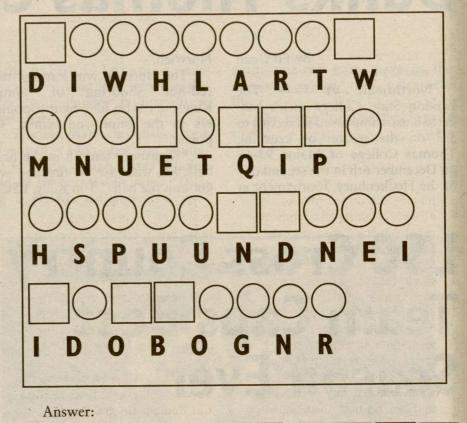
Stir Crazy By DANA GRAVELLE



EVER SO SLOWLY ... WE BEGIN TO ADAPT

Word Scramble

CLUE: How one student solved the parking problem



Arts & Entertainment

The Arts and Entertainment section is a fairly new addition to The Critic. As A&E editor, I want to provide you, the reader, with the things that you are interested in. Movies, Catamount events, school events, new music releases and concerts to name some.

Questions and comments are

welcome, tell me what you want to read, I'll do my best to accommodate and keep you up to date, on everything Arts and Entertainment!! Please send comments to LSC Box 7825, attn: The Critic A&E editor or (Critic box 7951)

Where Did My Rock N' Roll Go???

By Sara LaCasse

I'm not afraid to admit it; why should I be?? Music that gave me such great memories is something that I hold very dear to my heart. So what if the music is by Poison, Warrant, Winger and other "hair bands." I have been ridiculed, picked on, and laughed at. Why doesn't this tormenting bother me? I don't care. I like what I like because of memories, because of the sappy, guitar driven ballads and the guys that play it. The bands that play this kind of music, rock my world, they get me going, they make me happy. No other music can do that for me. These bands are my epitome of true rock n' roll.

Now, don't get me wrong. I am in no way, shape or form putting down any other sort of music. I do listen to just about everything; in fact the last CD that I bought was a Frank Sinatra compilation. But, the music that makes me the happiest is the late 80's, early 90's top 40 rock bands. Where did they go?? If everyone thinks that the

surge of Seattle bands took over, let me ask you this--where are they now?? Where are the plaid clad beings that took over the music world? For those that think that the top 40 rock bands suck and no one likes them anymore, I know for a fact that isn't true. I saw a sold out Motley Crue Halloween show last year, and another sold out Warrant show right before Thanksgiving. So, where is my rock n' roll?

Granted, people's tastes change, that's a given. I enjoy lots of music, everything from Frank Sinatra as I stated before, to the DMX CD my sister gave me for Christmas. I think that in the very near future through, a lot of people, not just myself, will want the rock n' roll back. I'm not the only one buying tickets to see these bands that no one hears from any more. I'm anxiously awaiting the comeback, the revival, if you will, of my rock n' roll. When that time comes...

At the Movies:

Apt Pupil: starring Brad Renfro and Ian McKellan

Based on the short story by fright master Stephen King, director Bryan Singer shows us through the vivid and disturbing imagery, the horrors of the Nazi regime and the existence of pure evil.

Brad Renfro, (The Client, Sleepers), gives his best performance too date as Todd Bowden, a student who uncovers a Nazi war criminal, living undetected in his town. Renfro holds the key to turning McKellen in, but instead blackmails him into reliving the history he has tried to bury. McKellen plays the part of the Nazi officer with such conviction, it makes one shudder with fear.

All of my emotions had been played with; I had been absolutely horrified, frightened, saddened, and amazed by Renfro and McKellen's performances. The end of the movie made the movie, being the most gutwrenching scene I've seen in a long, long time.

Apt Pupil is slated for an early Spring video release.

Road Trip....

The following list of concerts in the area:

190 miles away, at the Fleet Center in Boston:

02/03— Black Sabbath, the Deftones, and Pantera

02/22— Garbage

02/28— Jimmy Buffett 03/22— Rolling Stones

03/27— Jay Z and DMX

335 miles away, in New York City:

02/02— Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds at the Beacon Theater (Dave Matthews is also playing 02/05 at SNET Oakdale Theater in Wallingford, CT, and the 6th in Storrs, CT at the Jorgensen Theater)

02/04—Booker T and the MG's at Tramps

02/10— Fun Lovin' Criminals

at the Irving Plaza

85 miles away, in Burlington: 02/10— Ladysmith Black Mambazo at the Flynn Theater 02/18-9— Bela Fleck and the Flecktones at the Flynn Theater

144 miles away, in Montreal: 02/02— Strangefolk at the Cabaret Music Hall (also 02/03 at Pearl Street in North Hampton, MA)

02/05— Tragically Hip at the Molson Center

03/01— Lenny Kravitz and the New Radicals at the Metropolis

03/11— Jay Z and DMX at the Molson Center



By Jason Hatch

Mark raced up to campus, contrary to the Topaz's wishes. The car hadn't wanted to start; it had been a battle for tenminutes to get the car going. Some Mountain Dew Mobile thisis, Mark thought sarcastically. By the time he entered the parking lot next to the student center, he saw the crowd inside, already packing the room. He ran from the Topaz into the back door. With the newly added Mountain Dew Sword attached to his belt,he entered the stu-

The crowd was mumbling to itself, while several administrators and a woman he didn't recognize were toying around with a metal thing. Mark couldn't describe it any better than that, for he had alreadygiven that his once over and was now reexamining the woman. A camera flash caught his attention. It was Kate Morgan.

"Mountain Dew Man!" she exclaimed, running out of the crowd, pushing and shoving inattentive students from her path. President Jones looked up from the robot and snarled. The woman said something to him, which Mark couldn't hear, but she immediately went to work on the backside of the robot.

"What is this?" Mark demanded in his most intimidating voice.

Kate broke through the crowd, tape recorder in hand, "Do youhave a comment?"

"What is this?" Mark repeated.

"This is the end of you!"
Kelly Nomad sauntered across
the room to face Mark.Jim's
eyes flashed back and forth
from Mark to the podium.The
SB1 was quivering, wanting to
move. Kate turned around,
noticing that she was at MDM's
side as she spoke to the other
woman, "Who do you work for,

anyway, Ms. Nomad?"

"That is of no concern to you, Ms-"

"Kate Morgan, CIC of the school paper, the Editor."

"Ah, the press, I should have

known." Kate raised a finger in protest, but Nomad cut her off. "SB1, now." With inhuman speed, the robot bolted across the room at Mark. Jim tried to scream a warning, but the robot was alreadythere, facing off with the would-be super

Mark raised the sword, a collection of crushed Mountain
Dew cans inserted over a steel rod with a wooden handle carved with the letters MDM on it. "What are you?"

Nomad ordered the machine, "Stop him, he is a threat." The crowd moved to form around the two combatants as they squared off.

Jim forced his way to the front of the crowd next to Kate and Nomad. He grabbed the older woman by the arm and said, "Call it off. That's a college student. Wasn't that thing supposed to safeguard students?" When Nomad didn't answer, she immediately got a microphone in the face from Kate,

"Do you have an answer?" Nomad was ignoring them and watching the pair.

SB1 was circling Mark, all of its appendages out, trying to grab something. Swinging the sword, Mark connected with it, but it kept coming. An arm forward, a sword blocked it, this went on for several minutes without either one doing any harm to the other. Jim watched for a minute, then turned his attention back to Nomad. She was gone.

He pushed through the crowd, making his way back to the one adminstrator who might listen."Director Smythe, we can't let this happen."

The former cop looked at the young student, then lifted asmall radio to his mouth. "All security units, converge on the student center."

"Thank you." Jim nodded.

This is getting old, Mark thought. Swinging the sword, he bounced it off the SB1's side. Freeing his left hand, he switched back to the original MDM weapon. He took aim and fired the flat Mountain Dew mixed with hot peppers at the robot. The machine stopped; it's appendages falling to the ground. "That was all it took?" Mountain Dew Man asked.

Jim and Tom Smythe had fought their way back to the battleand stood next to Mark. Two security guards entered from each side of the student center. With their arrival, the crowd started to break up.Mark looked at SB1 and nudged it with his toe.

Kelly Nomad and President Jones had already made it back to his office. She was feverously typing on a small notebook computer. "There," she said. "Mountain Dew Man is in trouble now."

SB1 reacted so quickly that Mark couldn't move his foot in time. Two arms reached out and pulled his foot, knocking Mark to the ground. Jim joined the fray, stepping on one of the outstretched arms. The robot turned slightly, then heaved him across the room with another arm. Smythe motioned for his people to move forward. Each guard had a heavy-duty aluminum flashlight (you know the one, used in more racially-motivated police beatings than any other flashlight). They joined the battle, clubbing the robot. Reacting instantly, SB1 sent four arms out; each grabbing a flashlight from an unsuspecting security guard's hand. They fell back, confused. Smythe spoke quickly, "You two, use your radios to block those arms. I'll take it

"Yes sir," the two closest guards replied in chorus. He moved quickly, impressing Jim with his speed. He pulled a small black box from beneath his belt and flipped a switch onit. Blue sparks of lightning flickered off the emitter of the stun gun. He charged it to its maximum setting and walked forward. SB1 noticed but didn't alter in its grappling with MDM. Mark, for his part, kept struggling uselessly in thething's grasp. Guessing where the main power was, Smythe touched the stun gun to the metal casing of the robot.

The computer locked up on Nomad. She swore silently. "What isit?" President Jones asked."My connection with SB1 was just severed. I don't know why." "Is it dead?" Kate asked, her human curiosity overriding her reporter's instinct. Her notebook and tape recorder were long since forgotten items." I think I fried its power cell." Smythe said. Just to be sure, he picked up one of the flashlights from the fallenrobot's arms and started prodding the machine. Mark had untangled himself and was trying to look intimidating standing next to SB1. He looked on, trying to decide what to do.

Jim glanced at his friend and whispered, "Maybe now would be a good time to retreat before you're questioned." Mark mulled it over. There was still a near solid wall ofstudents around that were too curious to leave. They'd just-seen rare action for their campus and weren't in the least bit interested in leaving to see what the dining hall was serving for dinner. The doors to the student center opened. Nomad entered with Jones at her heels.

She pushed her way through the crowd andlooked at the fallen robot. "What have you done?"

"It was assaulting students,"
Smythe retorted, standing toface
the woman. "This thing is a menace, and I will not have these in
the residence halls of this campus."

"That is not your decision to make, Tom," the president patronized.

"Dammit, I don't want to make a scene, but this is wrong, plain and simple. Who do you work for, anyway, Ms. Nomad?" Kate had tape recorder on and in the other woman's face in an instant. Nomad's face turned an interesting shade of purple as she stormed off, president in tow. Using the brief distraction, Jim cleared a path for Mark to flee. Once clear from the crowd, Mountain Dew Man disappeared.Kate stood there, staring at Smythe, "Do you have any furthercomments?

"I'll let you know tomorrow, after I find out if I have a job anymore."

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Christmas

By Jason Scherer

The Christmas season brings us two things: an amount of stress so mind-boggling it's been known to cause strokes and broken brains and a rabid form of dementia known as "holiday shopping."

This dementia spreads like wildfire throughout the American populace for about a month every year. Symptoms are glazed eyes, foaming at the mouth, aching feet due to hours spent wandering mindlessly around malls, and a strange kind of melancholy and desperation because the store is out of Teenage Moolah Nitwit Turtles action figures. Even I submitted to the depraved dementia and went on a four hour shopping trip that covered most of the known universe.

While on this head trip, I had to stop and find a restroom, and headed for a small cafe nearby. Upon entering, I was asked if I wanted a table. I replied no, and asked where the restroom was.

The waitress gave me a contemptuous look, and replied, "I'm sorry, sir, but the restrooms are for customers only."

This didn't quite register with my brain. "What?"

The contemptuous look grew

into a special kind of impatience only waiters and waitresses seem capable of. "If you want to use the restroom, you'll have to buy something."

I felt that buying food or drink would defeat my purpose, and I proceeded to argue with the employee. After exchanging some heated words, many of which questioned the lineage of the waitress, I vacated the small cafe in search of other accommodations for my bladder. Unfortunately, every restaurant, cafe, diner, and fast food establishment I walked into gave me the same message — buy some food, or no use of the bathroom.

Restroom fascism. It's spread like a disease throughout our once-great America. Since when does it cost a person money to go to the bathroom? Pay toilets went out of style with the 1980's, thank God. Has this plague come back in the form of an Un-American economic theory? Must we now fill our stomachs before we empty them? Not too long ago, I encountered the most diabolical form of bladder abuse in Washington, D.C. While shopping downtown, the urge once again came over me, and I headed into the nearest McDonald's in search of relief. However, on the door was a lock with a slot to put a token in. A sign informed me that I needed a token from a clerk in order to use the restroom, and I could get such a token by ordering some food. Normally, when I encounter obstacles to my quest, I am able to sneak by these bathroom Nazis and do my business. But this was a new, unexpected form of restroom fascism, and I was unsure of how to proceed. Finally, I caved in, and bought a small order of french fries, and asked for a token. The employee informed me I would have to buy a whole meal in order to be entitled to bathroom privi-

It seems to me a crass endeavor to try and make money off a person's most basic biological need. Then again, I suppose it's simply a natural extension of the service industry. The service industry makes money from keeping people fed and clothed. Why not make money off their excrement?

On top of it all, it's a vicious cycle: you buy food so you can go to the bathroom. You go to the bathroom, and them eat the food you ordered. After all, you wouldn't want to have wasted all that money. And then, later, you have to go to the restroom again! And

you have to buy more food.....

And what about tourists? When on the highway, does one dare to use the rest areas? I don't. Who knows what foul and depraved life-forms crawl on the seats of those toilets. I'd much rather head for the clean, sanitary environment of a Stucky's or a Jack-In-The-Box.

But this socialist bathroom philosophy threatens our way of life. I am prepared to fight for my right to go to the bathroom for free. It's a basic human right. Our forefathers fought for it! Did George Washington have to buy a burger, fries, and a soft drink in order to use a toilet? I think not! Brothers and sisters, we must band together to fight this tyranny, this insidious evil which has spread throughout the country. People are entitled to the right to go to the bathroom free of harassment or fear of retribution. Perhaps a constitutional amendment is necessary to guarantee us this right. Please, I urge you, loyal readers, write your congressman today, and ask him to do something about this threat to our way of life! Tell him you won't stand for it any longer, that basic American values must be preserved!

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Is dorm safety an issue at all?

In the last issue of *The Critic*, an article was written about how unsafe students felt living on campus. The last sentence read, "The College isn't saying anything and that is a statement on its own". The following is a response from the College concerning security on campus. The only time during the Fall semester in which someone eluded to not feeling safe on campus was Ms. Patterson [Editor of the Critic] when she made a comment about a "knife" incident on campus at the joint session of House and Senate. I have an open door policy and students know that they can come in and talk about anything they wish. Feeling unsafe on campus was not one of the things they discussed with me.

Since my arrival last July, I have been in consultation with other departments and administrators on campus to develop a plan regarding improving security in the residence halls and on campus. One major project which was completed recently was the increase in lighting on the perimeter of Stonehenge and Gray House. Furthermore, more lighting was placed in the parking lot on the road below the baseball fields. Part of the plan for the 1999-2000 academic year are two emergency phones on campus as well as door viewers and chain locks for residence hall rooms. Lighting will continue to be assessed.

As far as the specific incidents which were mentioned, confidentiality does not permit me to speak in detail about them, but let me just mention the following. To my knowledge, a dead cat was not found in the freezer. In addition, no one had bomb making books in their room for which they were suspended from the College. A roommate attacking another roommate because he could not read the news on the radio anymore??? To this I can only say, "Believe half of what you see and none of what you hear" or, as the cliche goes, "Never judge a book by its cover." The "huge" knife which was found in a student's room is not necessarily "huge", and unfortunately the current Student Handbook does not address this issue; however, the proposed Code of Conduct before the Senate right now hopefully will.

Lastly, I am providing the following data which was collected from the Residential Satisfaction Survey which was administered in December 1998. With regard to the question, "How safe do you feel living in your residence hall?", there was a satisfaction rate of 5.74 which is an increase as compared too last year's 5.43. This is out of a scale of 1 to 7, with one being the lowest and seven being the highest. I am not discounting that some students may not feel safe at times on campus; however, I question the notion that the College doesn't care about the issue. We care and are active in trying to make the campus safer.

If you have ideas or concerns about safety in the residence halls, please feel free to stop by my office, (Vail 369) or call me at ext-6419.

Austin Anderson
Director of Residential Life

Editorial

By Jason Scherer

I had an Epiphany the other day. For those of you mot familiar with the word — "a moment of transcendence and clarity through which understanding is achieved". In other words, it all became clear to me, what I need to do to solve my problem.

There are those who complain about "the lack of parking." Translation: people don't want to have to park a long way away and walk to class. Understandable — in a world of instant gratification, who wants to have to walk more than thirty-two point four seconds to get to their destination?

And it's not just here — been to a mall lately? There are people who will circle a parking lot for an hour trying to find the "perfect" spot to park. My mother is one of them; we drive and drive and drive until my head is spinning from the dizzying circles.

The solution is simple: monster trucks.

I'm talking about those big, mean old SOBs that stand about as tall as the Empire State

Building. The kind where the tires are bigger than one of those large sodas you can get for a penny

at a "7-11." Monstrous, gigantic trucks, the kind that would take Hercules to move. And even Hercules would have to be at the top of his form to push one of these suckers downhill.

If you want to find a parking spot, buy a monster truck. Can't find a spot close enough? Then make one of your own! Just drive to wherever you want to park, crush a couple puny Hondas and Chevys (although a Volvo would stand a chance; those things can take on a Panzer Division tank and win), and park. What are they going to do, tow you? They'd need to call in urban wreckage machines to move one of those babies.

And who's going to argue with you when you crush their car? A man with a monster truck is a very persuasive man, indeed. Someone argues with you, just run her or him over. Problem solved

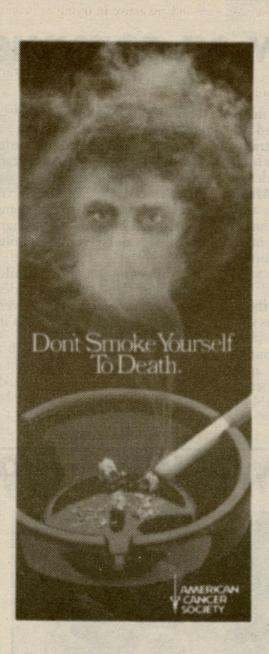
And the school could solve its budget short-fall problem if we bring in monster trucks. They could sell tickets to watch people come in and destroy all the puny little four-door sports utility vehicles. Maybe the monster trucks could even compete for the best spot! I can see the commercials now: "COMING AT YOU THIS SUNDAY

SUNDAY SUNDAY! MONSTER TRUCK PARKING LOT RALLY AT THE LSC VAIL PARKING LOT THIS SUNDAY SUNDAY SUNDAY! TICKET PRICES ARE FOR THE WHOLE SEAT BUT YOU"LL ONLY NEED THE EDGE! So we solve the parking problem, make some money, entertain people, and getting rid of those annoying wind-up foreign cars all at the same time! Isn't it great! I'll be putting a down payment on Bigfoot Jr. this weekend. Can't wait to see you all at the dealership!

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Down OUT

I am a male. I am responsible for the oppression of women for thousands of years. I help to propagate a rape culture designed to keep the male dominant and the woman subordinate. I have created billions of phallic images in an attempt to defy death. My entire existence revolves around my genitals. I am obsessed with sex and nothing else.

I am white. I am responsible for the oppression of hundreds of races — enslaving them, wiping them off the face of the earth, and treating them like slime and garbage. Today, I help to propagate a system designed to keep minorities from high-paying jobs and governmental position. I keep blacks and Hispanics crowded into the prisons of urban ghettos and invent new drugs that keep their minds in a constant state of repression. I am responsible for the plague of racism in America.

I am American. I am responsible for the widespread disease of capitalism that poisons the minds of the young and enslaves the working classes. I am responsible for the attacks on millions of Muslims, who merely do what they feel is right for the world. I help to propagate a system that intervenes into foreign politics and tries to re-shape the entire world in our image. I am responsible for the disintegration of morals and ethics in the world. I also kicked the Native Americans off their land so I could come in, and when they protested, I killed them with smallpox and the flu. Now I keep them herded into reservations where they rot and become professional alcoholics.

I am a heterosexual. I am responsible for the crimes committed against those who are not heterosexual. I propagate a system designed to keep gays, lesbians, and bisexuals separate from everyday life because they might corrupt the impressionable minds of our youth. I cite the Bible as proof that these individuals are against God's divine will.

I am middle-class. I am responsible for oppressing the poor and disgusting the rich. The poor hate me because I am not poor, and the rich hate me because I am not rich. I'm part of some never-never land where the true degenerates of society dwell and grow fat on the labor of the poor and the investments of the rich.

I am twenty-one, born in 1977. That makes me part of Generation X. I am a slacker, a

ne'er-do-well, too lazy to stop playing video games, get off from the couch, and get a job. I do nothing but sit around and complain about the state of the world, when generations before me never had it so good.

My family comes from Germany. I am responsible for the annihilation of dozens of peoples, simply because they didn't look like me or come from where my ancestors came from. I am responsible for the deaths of millions of Jews, Catholics, Gypsies, homosexuals, and others whose names time will not forget.

I am a college student. I am a drunk, interested only in having promiscuous sex and attending keggers at the local frat house because I hold no value in education anymore. I never go to classes because I'm too hung over. I'm in college only because I want to put off joining the real world and getting a nine-to-five job.

I am a writer. I am responsible for the poisoning of thousands of young minds. I fill them with trash and false views about the world around us. I use dirty words and politically incorrect language because I want to destroy this great country that we live in. I live the hedonistic lifestyle of the young artist —drinking too much, shooting heroin, and having sexual orgies in the dark corners of seedy motels.

I was raised a Christian. I am a hypocrite. I say, "Don't do this," while I go home late at night and do it. I am responsible for the destruction of thousands of innocent pagan cultures that were assimilated or destroyed because they didn't agree with my views. I am not a follower of the message that I claim to follow.

All these labels, all the responsibilities, have been heaped on my shoulders, one after the other, all my life. People never bothered to ask me who I was — I was simply slapped with a label, and despised for being a certain color, or for my family coming from another country. I am none of these things, but everyone believes them to be true. No one ever bothered to ask me what I thought about any of this — assumptions were made, labels attached, stereotypes born. But in all this labeling and stereotyping, they all forgot one basic label, the one true label:

I am a human being.

Theme floors in effect for next year

By Aaron Warner

The office of Residential Life has revised the theme floor plan to be instituted next fall. The new plan for theme housing is scaled back and less decisive concerning Stonehenge residence halls, an attempt to appease the on-campus student body. This revision was made following the negative reaction of Student Senate when Austin Anderson, Director of Residential Life at Lyndon State, reviewed the program before Student Senate.

Anderson detailed the first plan to Senate at the January 27 meeting. While Anderson expected some critical comments, he said he was surprised by the negative reaction the theme floor plan received. For a hour Anderson listened to Senate's comments, taking notes. He composed a new draft the following day.

During room selection for fall 1999, returning students who choose to remain on-campus will be polled to gather information about the kinds of activities they would like to see in their suites and residence halls. Incoming students will be given the same survey. The results will be tabulated by Residential Life and used to create programs that interest students both by suite and by Residence Hall.

The Wheelock Living/Learning Community will be on the fourth floor. It will have two parts, one involving freshman, and the other upperclassmen.

In Wheelock residence hall, two of the fourth floor suites will house first year students, a men's suite and a women's suite. The rooms in these two suites will be doubles. The program is designed for students who want additional support from Residential Life outside of classes. These students will enroll in the dame New Student Seminar section and use the Ropes Course early in the fall semester. Each semester, WLLC freshmen will be part of community service projects, and design two academic programs. Faculty and staff appropriate to the program will present the academic programs.

The second part of the WLLC is for upperclassmen. These students will be orientation leaders for the school and mentors for the first-year students in the WLLC program. The mentors will have a single in Wheelock, but will only be charged the double rate. They will be required to create an activity each semester based on their career or academic pursuits. Career Services and the collected Deans will assist these upperclassmen in creating and presenting these activities.

The off-campus residence halls of Gray House and Matthewson House have mirror programs. Gray House will be populated by 12 female students. Matthewson House will be populated by 12 male students. Both houses will have a hall mentor rather than a Residence Hall Director, allowing students who choose off-campus housing greater autonomy. Room and board fees will be reduced 10%, and these students will have the option of purchasing either on-

campus meal plans or commuter meal plans. Residents of Gray and Matty House will also participate in community service activities, and develop a program each semester to be presented by faculty and staff.

As room selection draws near, Residential Life is examining the impact these new programs will have on how rooms are chosen. Only four of the sixteen rooms on fourth floor Wheelock will be available for students not involved in the WLLC. Current residents of fourth floor Wheelock unassociated with WLLC will have to find new rooms if they decide to stay on-campus next year. Anderson is also reviewing the room selection process concerning students reserving the room they are currently in for the next year, and may do away with that option.

New change machines are now on campus

By Aaron Warner

Students returned to the oncampus residence halls in January to find no change machines on campus. Once told about the situation, Residential Life and Administrative Affairs acted quickly to secure on-campus residents reliable change service for the foreseeable future.

During the semester of 1998 Administrative Affairs sent out inquiries to a number of vending companies. North Country Vendors won the selection process, and a new five-year contract was approved. North Country Vendors removed the older vending machines from the residence halls incapable of taking dollar bills, and installed new vending machines. These new machines, installed before the start of the fall semester, were capable of changing dollar bills into quarters.

The Director of Residential Life, Austin Anderson, said North Country Vendors disabled the change capability when they learned the function was being used by residents for laundry. MacGray Comp., Inc. provides oncampus laundry service.

When Administrative Affairs learned residents could not get quarters for laundry, they reviewed their options for securing change

machines in the residence halls. Because the service is required primarily for laundry, Administrative Affairs considered asking MacGray Comp., Inc. to install change machines. Administrative Affairs eventually decided against this, instead asking North Country Vendors to re-enable the vending machines. North Country Vendors did so sometime during the week of January 18-22.

Situated in the Northeast Kingdom, Lyndon State has few possible companies to select from. Anderson said North Country Vendors can at any time again remove the dollar changing capability of the vending machines. This gives those companies leverage over the school.

Dean of Administration, Wayne Hamilton, gave assurance that on-campus residents will have change service. "We will have a means for students to get change, even if we have to get a change machine ourselves, Hamilton said."

Anderson and Hamilton encourage on-campus residents who have problems with the vending machines changing dollars into quarters to contact them.

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The "Mad Hatters" inspired by Alice in Wonderland were the winners in the weekend long contest.



Competitors faced the challenge of marathon dancing, which served in keeping them warm over the weekend.

Eight LSC Rec students face the challenge of Mt. Picodeorizaba, the third highest peak in North America



From left: Ed Walten, C. J. Scott, Jim Hines, Nick Nixon, J.K., Ian Doak, Zack Casey, and Dave Morgan

It was the hardest thing I have ever done.

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By Stacy Patterson

What did you do over Christmas break? Whatever it was, it couldn't have been more exciting than what eight Recreation students and their two instructors accomplished. From January 3rd to the 11th this group climbed Mt. Picodeorizaba, which is 18,200 feet high and the third highest peak in North America and the highest in Mexico.

This was a trip of a lifetime for most of them. The trip was for a

called Rec "Mountaineering and Expedition" These eight students received two credits for hiking up the mountain. This is the first time the school has offered the course. It was an experiment to see if the class would be successful. Unfortunately, there was a limit to the amount of students that could go on this adventure. The two instructors were John Kascenska and Austin Paulson. The eight students were: Ian Doak, Nick Nixon, CJ Scott, Zach Casey, Jim Hines, Ed Walton, Steve Wagner and Dave Morgan.

Mexico is a third world country, but Ian Doak, Junior, said, "The people were extremely nice and friendly to us." He also stated that the town they were in was a tourist town and that a lot of climbers pass through there. "Most of the people didn't speak English, but it was never a major problem." There were many shanty towns consisting of houses with dirt floors and that the villagers used anything they could find to build walls for their houses. He mentioned seeing one side of a house made out of some sort of metal. He also said that they have a market day where merchants come to the town and people bring animals, food, arts and crafts to

To get to the mountain, the group used four-wheel-drive vehicles until they got to 10,000 feet and then used mules, and finally started hiking. Their base camp was at 13,000 feet. At this altitude, your head starts to hurt and you feel like you have a really bad hangover. They spent three days at their base camp to get acclimated to the altitude. That means that their bodies had to become used to the elevation. The body starts to adapt to the conditions after time despite the lack of oxygen at that height. The longer the group stayed at base camp, the better they felt. Everyone in the group acclimated differently. "Some people were fine and others were struggling but, it will affect you differently every time you climb a mountain." said Doak.

When they reached the glacier, they had two rope teams with an instructor leading each group. "It's a safe way to travel on a glacier, and also in case someone falls" said Doak. Hiking up the glacier became very monotonous because, "You get out of breathe very easily. You take a step and then have to stop and try to breath for a few minutes, so you can't move very quickly. It's really frustrating." said Doak.

"Nine out of the ten students who went on the trip submitted.

The instructors were excited because they didn't think that many were going to make it that far" said Doak.

When asked if he would do it again, he said "Definitely." He mentioned that when he first came back from the trip, he didn't have any desire to do it again because he was exhausted. "It takes a lot out of you mentally. For most people it's a mind game to push yourself to the top and to push your body."



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DJ's for the "Dance-athon" also had to test their stamina in this event.



These Broom Ball competitors didn't need help keeping their cool on this Winter Weekend.

New geology professor at LSC

By Ed Dean

Alison Lathrop has taken over as the new geology professor at Lyndon State College. Lathrop was hired to fill the position left open when longtime Geology Professor Bud Ebbett retired in the fall.

Professor Lathrop did her undergraduate degree at a college in Lewiston, Maine.

Before coming to Lyndon State College, Professor Lathrop taught for a year as a full-time geology professor at Castleton State College. Then she moved out to Amish country near Lancaster, Pennsylvania and taught in Millerstown, PA.

Professor Lathrop said that she likes the outdoors and especially likes gardening and hiking. She also has a degree in music and currently sings in the Community Chorus at the college. She noted that, so far she is enjoying herself very much at LSC. "In a very large way, Vermont is home and so it's always good to come back and meet folks who are very like your own. The students are the people I expected them to be. I very much enjoy working with them," said Professor Lathrop.

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AMS and the future of alcohol at LSC

Jason Scherer

The annual Winter Ball, sponsored by AMS, was held in the Stannard Gym on January 30th. All the usual elements were in place - the balloon arch at the entrance, the photographer taking pictures that the couples could send home to Mom and Dad, tables of all shapes and sizes scattered around the gym — except for one. Usually, lurking in the corners next to the doors to the swimming pool, Aramark set up a bar for those of legal age to enjoy a cocktail or two during the course of the evening. This year, instead of the usual roped-off area, the "New Cafe" offered snacks, coffee, and non-alcoholic punch to attendees.

This was known far in advance of the Winter Ball. During the early planning stages, when AMS's committee met with Trish Turner-Seadale and Sher Hruska to discuss plans for the ball, the committee was informed that no alcohol was to be served at the dance. This new policy was decided upon mostly by Sher Hruska.

"We're trying to be in keeping with national and federal initiatives in regards to alcohol," said Hruska. "What's happening here is happening all over the country at all the colleges."

Many a grumble was raised among the student body. The Winter Ball had long been one of the few school events at which oflegal-age students were allowed to drink. Several students simply planned to drink before they arrived at the dance. One student, who wished to remain anonymous, openly admitted to being drunk when he arrived at the dance. "I mean, if they aren't going to let me drink there, I'll just drink in my room," he said.

Trevor Bevens, treasurer of AMS, said that this has not been a uncommon occurrence. "We've always had a couple of people show up intoxicated at the dance," he said. "If they get a little rowdy, we just pull them aside and ask them to calm down."

This change in alcohol policy has also led to many questions by the student body. Perhaps the most prominent has been, "Will the campus become dry?"

"That was never even a consideration," said Hruska. "We're not about to deny those of legal age the right to drink in their rooms in moderation."

This new policy did not simply apply to AMS. It has been extended to any function held on the LSC campus. If it is to be attended by students, then alcohol may not be served. One of the clubs most directly affected by this policy is the college's chapter of the GOP, who often serve alcohol at functions hosted for state politicians.

Some felt that Aramark would be hurt by this new policy. Aramark is the only caterer who can serve alcohol on campus. According to Stuart Farina, the account's licensed bartender, this new policy will mot actually make that much of a difference financially, since so few school events involved alcohol.

One of the reasons for this decision was the fear of hypocrisy by the administration. "We didn't want to be telling underage students not to drink, and then put them in a situation where there would be that temptation, so that they'd feel like they were constantly being watched, especially since this is an event at which most of the people are underage," said Hruska.

Some students have voiced the opinion that the atmosphere on campus has become too restrictive, that the number of those charged with alcohol violations has increased dramatically. According to Hruska, the number of cases involving alcohol violations has actually decreased from recent years. They look at patterns of behavior and attempt to use early detection methods to help students.

"We are also being more consistent in our treatment of these cases," said Hruska, "and looking at the patterns of behavior exhibited by those involved in violations of the Code of Conduct."

What LSC, and the VSC in general, is looking at is more clarity and consensus in the Code of

Conduct. The VSC would like to have the Codes of Conduct for all the state colleges to be as similar as possible. LSC in particular is looking at clearing up the more murky areas in its Code of Conduct. The Student Handbook Committee, which is part of the Student Government, has been working with Sher Hruska and Austin Anderson on the Handbook for next year. A draft of their efforts will be sent off to the VSC lawyer soon. This draft will also be reviewed at a Joint Session of LSC Congress on Wednesday, February 17th at 9:15 pm in the Stevens Dining Hall. This session is, as all Student Government sessions are, open to the public.

But it would seem that many of the fears about this new policy did not come to pass. According to Bevens, the attendance at this year's Winter Ball was better than last year, with around 200 attending. There was a fear that because there would be no bar, attendance would drop. However, the reaction to the "New Cafe" was quite positive overall. All the attendees were enthusiastic, as well. The dance floor was so crowded that actual dancing was almost impossible, so the people shuffled their feet shoulder-to-shoulder under the gigantic Romanesque balloon arch that hovered over the dance floor.

New GEP requirements to be issued next year

Ed Dean

The General Education Program (GEP), which is the set of required core courses a student must successfully complete in addition to courses required for a particular major, has been totally restructured and approved for the Fall 1999 Semester at Lyndon State College.

The new GEP requirement will require incoming freshmen to complete a total of 43 credits in courses relating to college skills (5 courses total, 15 credits), Divisional Core Courses (4 courses total), to include at least one course in the Arts, Humanities, Sciences (1 course with lab), and Social Sciences. Also on the new GEP requirement menu will be Divisional Choice courses, which will require students to take one course in each of four academic disciplines of the Arts, Humanities, Sciences, and Social Sciences and one additional course from any division.

"One of the biggest differences is that with the current GEP you

can take over 180 courses that would qualify for a G1 (Humanities requirement), a G2 (Natural Sciences), or a G3 (Social Sciences)," explained Professor Jon Fitch, who chaired the committee that drafted the new GEP. "What we've done is to change that so now everybody coming in here has to take a required core coursethere's four required core courses actually. One is in the Arts, one is in the Humanities, one is in the Natural Sciences and another in the Social Sciences. So before that what we had was three large areas and people could choose courses in those areas. Now what we have are four areas and they have to take a specific core course--- one in the Arts, one in the Humanities, one in Natural Sciences and one in the Social Sciences."

The other major change in the GEP is that right now every student has to take Math 111. With the new GEP, incoming students will be required to take two math courses rather than one. Under the new GEP, students will also be required to take two writing courses.

New students entering Lyndon State College in the fall might also be required to take a newly designed course: CSK 105 "Crossing Borders: Into an Intellectual Community". The draft of a description of this course notes that the course will acquaint first-semester students with the people, places, and processes that shape an academic community.

"We're just in the process of putting it together," Fitch said of CSK 105, adding that it still has to

be approved.

"What we're trying to do is transition people into academic life. We're really trying to emphasize experiential academics. Prior to the first day of classes, as part of the orientation, we're going to extend orientation probably by a day, so it will be three days long. About half of that time the students will be participating in some hands-on activities in academic areas in which they have an interest. So there could be a busload of people that might go over to the legislature or people interested in education might "adopt" a school.

Also, we're hoping to bring in upperclassmen as well. I think that has potential to be significant," said Fitch.

Professor Fitch noted that one of the reasons the GEP was being re-structured was because the college's GEP has not been reviewed in over a decade. "There's been some major changes nationally in General Education since then," said Fitch. "We're putting together a program that's very much at the vanguard of the national trends." According to Fitch, LSC's new GEP has received enthusiastic endorsement from the Board of Trustees and outside consultants.

"One of the important things for this is to place General Education kind of front and center for the college and to place it at the core of students' education here at the college regardless of their major. Really, what we're hoping to do here is develop faculty consensus for a central role for General Education in any student's program. That's probably the most important thing," concluded Fitch.

The Transdimensional Blues of Ray Coulombe

By Ed Dean

Imagine a parallel dimension where people enter alternate realities as easily as opening doors and where time itself has become so warped that even the very moment of consciousness cannot be taken for granted. Through the portal of book you enter a fantastic world of the distant future.

Welcome to the world of Ray Coulombe, a senior English major at Lyndon State College and an aspiring writer whose science fiction novel TRANSDIMENSIONAL BLUES is currently being considered for publication by a liter-

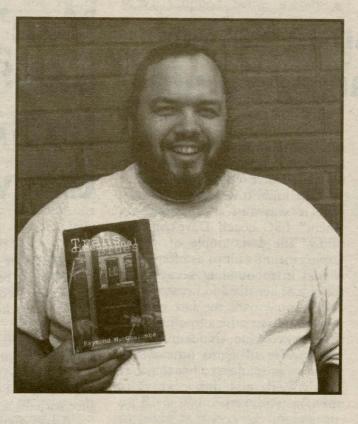
ary agent. At the age of 40, Coulombe is older than the majority of his fellow LSC students, but seems to be well-liked by his younger classmates who relish his outlandish sense of humor and gentle, friendly, outgoing nature. He lives with his wife and three children in Milan, New Hampshire and drives 60 miles to commute to school each day. Formerly a professional firefighter for 16 1/2 years, Coulombe was forced to go on disability after he was badly burned and suffered smoke inhalation while fighting a fire. The accident totally changed his outlook on life. It was then that Coulombe made the decision to go back to college. "I had run out of other options. I had always said that if 'Worse came to worse,' I'd go back to college. Worse came to worse. I could not find work that I could do since I was "disabled" from my last job," said Coulombe.

An avid reader who describes

his house as his "live-in library", Coulombe said that the decision to pursue a career as a writer came naturally to him. Coulombe's bitsatire "Drinking With Jesus", which was published in it. The Lyndon Review last year has already garnered a loyal, if not slightly twisted, cadre of enthusiastic readers here at the college. At a reading of The Lyndon Review held in the student center dur-Parents

Weekend this past fall, Coulombe's reading of "Drinking With Jesus" made the room echo with laughter. Reflecting on the role that humor seems to play in much of his writing, Coulombe said, "I like to use humor. It's the best way to talk about serious or uncomfortable subjects, and it's just plain fun."

Some of Coulombe's short, humorous fiction can still be found up on the Internet site "The Outpost". He also has had some of his works published on the Internet in on-line science fiction magazines. "I like Science Fiction and Fantasy because I like a big canvas. I like a universe where anything is possible. As a writer, it



becomes my job to establish the parameters on what is 'real' and what is not," he said. Coulombe says that he enjoys writing short stories because it is a tight, sparse form. "I like the relatively narrow focus. It's the form I use to experiment," he said

When asked who his favorite writers were, Coulombe listed Spider Robinson, Isaac Asimov, Robert Heinlein, Roger Zelazny, and Julian May. "I like Julian May's use of my hometown, Berlin, N.H., as a setting. May did a fine job and captured the French-Canadian/American characters. The others wrote some of my favorite SF and Fantasy. They develop good characters who are

self-sufficient and resourceful," said Coulombe.

With a consistent grade point average that has always been above 3.5, Coulombe has always been on the Dean's List. He received 4.0 twice and made Dean's List with Distinction. He also received the Robert E. Long Scholarship. After he graduates from LSC this May, Coulombe plans to continue his career as a freelance writer.

When asked what originally attracted him to go to college at LSC, Coulombe quipped "The view...no, really. Also, it is a small college with an excellent English program. I felt that if I had to go back to school, it might as well be for something that I always wanted to improve. I wanted to learn how to write better, that's why I picked LSC."

And now Coulombe has a literary agent from a publishing house considering the manuscript of his first sci-fi novel TRANSDIMENSIONAL BLUES for publication. Not that he is overconfident, but Coulombe has jokingly had a graphic design artist friend of his create a book jacket cover with a futuristic scene displayed on the front with the title of the book and the author's name.

With any luck, there may soon be a published novel by Raymond Coulombe sliding into that book jacket.

NBA once again provides sports entertainment

By Mark Rushford

There are four things round ball fans look forward to every year: the beginning of college hoop season, the start of the NBA regular season, the NBA Playoffs in the Spring, and the quintessential school and workplace betting pool March Madness

pool, March Madness.

Until recently, many fans thought they only had two of the four highlights in big-time basketball to look forward to. A work stoppage forced by team owners to lock their players out put the NBA season in jeopardy. An eleventh hour agreement, however, between players union representative and league owners was good enough to be voted on by all parties. The agreement was unanimously passed, putting into effect a new pay scale, as well as other new stipulations regarding the salary cap.

But all of that is irrelevant to fans who just want to see the prosplay on the hard courts. Now they'll get to see all that, and they will get to see it in a way that will add a bit more excitement to the lockout-shortened season.

For one thing, there will be no

more league wide domination on behalf of the six time champions the Chicago Bulls. Coach Phil Jackson is enjoying some time off, while Bulls All-star Scottie Pippen, who is also one of the league's 50 all time best players, signed a free agent contract with former two time champions, the Houston Rockets. And the most valuable player of the Universe, Michael Jordan, has called it quits too, going into a golf-filled retirement in order to spend more time with his family. Not even sharpshooter Steve Kerr is returning to the defending champions, who have won three straight world titles. He elected to play for the up and coming San Antonio Spurs. Needless to say, Bulls fans aren't putting too much hope in Tony Kucoc to lead Chicago back to the NBA finals

So there is an air of the unknown about the NBA this season. For the first time in three years, for the first time in the active Jordan era, no one is saying where the safe bet should be placed. That's because there is no safe bet this year. Jazz fans say this is the year, Spurs hopefuls say San

Antonio has the best shot. In Houston, fans are hoping the addition of Scottie Pippen to a roster that already included two other players on the list of the top 50 players of all time will win then their third title. Pat Riley had Miami believing the Heat could get the job done this season and the Knicks are hoping the acquisition of bad boy Latrell Sprewell, who was banned from the league for a season after choking out Golden State Warriors coach PJ Carlisimo, will put them over the top.

There are more teams who also expect to do well this year. Last season's coach of the year, Larry Bird, hopes the cohesive Pacers team (the only squad to hold regular practices during the lockout) will bring a title to Indiana. Phoenix picked up power forward Tom Gugliatta and center Luc Longley to make their team a fast contender, and the Los Angeles Lakers, perhaps the best young team in the league, hope they can get over the mountain that has been the Utah Jazz for the past two

All these teams truly believe they can win the title this year, and even the so-called experts are at a loss as to who stands the best chance this year, Add to this the fact that whoever does stand the best shot at picking up the NBA championship has to do it in only 50 games this season. This is 32 less games than are normally played during a season.

One of the arguments in the past concerning why college basketball was more exciting than the NBA was that every game counted in the college hoop season, and there were just too many games played in the NBA. Now, we will be witness to four or five progames per week, and every game will count. Make no mistake about it, an abbreviated 50 game season will make for some very exciting situations this season.

The NBA will have a fast, sometimes grueling pace to it. Fans will have plenty of opportunity to catch the action on cable and network television as TNT, TBS, and NBC all have a full slate of basketball action scheduled. And, lastly, for once this year we will have something almost as good as the WWF to watch on TV. Wait, what

am I saying?

LSC Senior Jamie Eaton Nets 2000 Career Points

By Ed Dean

Lyndon Center — Jamie Eaton, Lyndon State College's stellar 6'1" senior center came into the Hornet's basketball game at home with Johnson State College on Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999 knowing she only needed to score five points to reach the 2,000 point milestone of her college career.

The LSC fans buzzing excitedly in the stands of the Hornets' Nest knew it. The Johnson State players knew it, too, but they couldn't stop Eaton as she tossed in five points early in the first quarter to reach the magical number.

Her teammates surrounded her and the home crowd rose to its feet applauding the hoop star. Inspired by Eaton's triumph, the Hornets tussled to a 30-29 lead over Johnson at halftime.

But the second half belonged to Johnson as they outscored the Hornets 41-17 in the second half to win a key Mayflower Conference basketball game, 70-47

Eaton, who towers above her teammates, surpassed the 2,000 point mark with a turnaround jump shot at close range that she banked off the glass.

"I was really nervous," Eaton said after the game. "I didn't think the ball was going to go in. I didn't think the ball was going to go in at first and then it did and I got really excited. I was happy for my team — I owe it to them."

"We knew it was going to happen, it was just a question of when," LSC coach Dave Mellor said. "The last couple of years Jamie's meant a lot to us offensively and in rebounding because of the fact of her size and her strength and because over the last couple years she's put a lot of points into the baskets for us. Sometimes when we've struggled offensively, we know we can go to her to get a score. We'll miss that next year after she graduates."



Jamie Eaton with coach Dave Mellor.

Men's and woman's basketball teams both win games over the winter weekend

By Ed Dean

back victories in basketball over the weekend of Feb. 6 and Feb. 7,1999.

On Saturday, LSC came back from a 12-point deficit to squeak out a 62-61 victory. Sabrina Matthews hit the game-winning shot with 40 ticks left on the clock.

Ashley Golden led the Hornet attack with 15 points, while Jamie Eaton recorded the double-double with 14 points and 19 rebounds.

On Sunday, the Hornets relinquished a 9-point halftime lead before reclaiming the advantage at the one-minute mark to earn the win, 44-41.

Anna Cavallaro converted two free-throws in the waning seconds of the game and then intercepted the Atlantic Union inbounds pass to cement the win.

LSC coach Dave Mellor said,"This game was a defensive battle. They did a good job zoning up and keeping the ball out of the middle. They had some big girls and we didn't match up well so this was a good win."

Jamie Eaton again led the

Hornets with 12 points.

LSC Men's Basketball

Senior guard Jamie Kingsbury was on fire, hitting for 29 points, including seven 3-pointers.

On Sunday, Feb. 7, the Hornets dismantled visiting Atlantic Union 84-60.

"We were pretty flat in the first half. In the second half we got after it a little bit," LSC Coach Kelly said.

"We didn't allow them inside muchor on the foul line," he added. "We got our transition game going in the second and got good contributions from all around."

Kingsbury was the leading scorer again for the Hornets with 18 points while Eric Carpenter had 15 points. Matt McCarthy and Joe Layn, meanwhile, had eight points apiece.

The wins brought the LSC men's basketball team to 6-1 in the Conference and 14-5 overall.

Hockey Hornet Weekend Wrap-up

By Vincent Russell

Last Friday the Hornets welcomed Daniel Webster into the Fenton Chester Ice Arena. The Hornets looked to beat D.W. for the second time this year, and to solidify a spot in the play-offs. The first goal of the game came off the stick of the great Rick Dow. This would be the first of many points for Dow this weekend, as the next LSC goal was scored by Erik Mcloughlin, assisted by Rick Dow and Brian Clark. The second period saw Dow net another goal, which gave the Hornets a 3-2 lead

going into the third period. Matt Ecker got the Hornets on the board again in the third with the assist going to Dow. A focused Ecker elevated the puck to beat the goalie while being driven into the ice. Unfortunately, a five minute major penalty in which Daniel Webster scored five times was the difference in the game. Chris Norway had an outstanding game in goal for the Hornets, turning away 49 shots.

The very next day the Hornets traveled down to Springfield to play Springfield College. Rick Dow again got the Hornets on the board, giving them an early 1-0 lead. Newcomer Dave McGuire tallied his first goal as a Hornet midway through the second period with great passing from Dow and Clark. Not to be outdone, Dow scored again with seconds left in the period, which brought the Hornets back into the game, down only 5-3. Dow got his third goal of the night just five minutes into the third period. However, injuries started to add up and the game slipped out of the Hornets reach.

On February 6, Bates College comes to the Fenton Chester in a must win game for the Hornets.

With consistently strong play of Dow who had 5 goals and 3 assists in the weekend games, and sold defensemen Mike Lynch, and Chris Norway in net the Hornets always have a shot. In other related hockey news, Dave Bruce had a great game at Springfield.

World Wrestling Federation

By Mark Rushford

January 24th was a night many students were waiting for. The World Wrestling Federation put on the 1999 Royal Rumble, the first Pay Per View event of the new year, and the third time in as many months that Lyndon State College aired one of the WWF's pay per view events

Since Intramurals, with help from CAB, started sponsoring the events back in November, students and wrestling fans have been attending the monthly shows at the student center in droves. In fact, the wrestling events, which are projected onto one of the center's big walls, are fast becoming the college's best attended events. Unlike the sporadic attendance for comedians and movies these professional wrestling events pull in anywhere from 80 to 100 students each month, and that number seems to be growing as more and more students hear about the entertaining night their peers have during the show.

In fact, it is the fun had by those who attend the events that makes these prime-time soirees so exciting. The crowd of students gets loud, which only adds to the atmosphere. When combined with the fact that the show is projected onto what amounts to a giant screen, the result is a feeling of being part of the action. Fans yell at wrestlers, shout out key catch phrases every wrestling guru knows, and ride the tide of energy from 7:00 until nearly 11:00, when strained voices quiet down to reflect on the night.

When the noise dissipates and the crowd thins out, people are left to reflect on the show, and to make plans for next month when they will come back and do it all again, knowing there will be new matches, perhaps new champions, and new excitement. This is a good thing for both the students and the school, if for no other reason than because on one Sunday each month 80 to 100 students are not complaining that there is nothing to do at Lyndon State College.

When asked if she thought these events were a success, Intramurals director Sue Henry said, "Without a doubt," and issued a reminder for students that the next World Wrestling Federation event is slated for February 14th in the student center. It will be entitled "Saint Valentine's Day Massacre" and is the last pay per view the WWF holds until March, when the biggest event of the wrestling year, Wrestlemania XV, is scheduled. Fans can rest assured that these events will continue. And that suits snack bar manager Sharon Delio just fine. On the nights when the wrestling pay per views are shown, the snack bar doubles the amount of customers it usually serves on Sunday nights.

But just what are all these people here to watch? Wrestling has long been a main staple in the television diets of young people, but lately the World Wrestling Federation has shifted its advertising and story line focus (called angles in the wrestling business) toward a different demographic. Whereas the WWF once marketed its product to young children by producing a toy line and a Saturday morning cartoon, Titan Sports, the WWF's holding company, now looks to draw in 18 to 30 year old men. That means more adult material, and more entertainment for college-age students.

In the last year the WWF has seen its television ratings nearly triple in size. Just over a year ago, in November 1997, the World Wrestling Federation was drawing only a 2.1 rating for its Monday

Night Raw program, seen every Monday night at 9:00 Eastern on the USA network. The show was constantly being beaten in the ratings by its main competitor, World Championship Wrestling. For 18 long months WCW pounded Raw into near cancellation. Then, something amazing happened. The WWF stopped being merely a wrestling show. It shifted its focus on story lines consisting of fan favorite "Stone Cold" Steve Austin tormenting his boss Vince McMahon, the young group of upstarts Degeneration X took to the streets and tormented WCW by showing up outside an arena where WCW was putting on their own Monday night show, Nitro. Things like this grabbed fans' attention, and the WWF has not given those fans a chance to look

"I started watching the WWF in September, and my interest has only increased since then." LSC Junior Aaron Markwell said, following once of the events. That sentiment seems to run a common thread through many students' opinions of the WWF. "They are very adept at hooking new viewers." said wrestling newsletter editor Rush Walters, when asked why so many fans become hooked on the WWF product. "If you give then a week or two of your time, you'll be hooked. Their story lines are funny, entertaining, and then they throw some high impact wrestling in there, just to call it wrestling."

Former Internet wrestling reporter Dice Allen, an LSC student who chose to use a pseudonym for his on-line reports, had this to say about the WWF's new "Attitude": "The WWF doesn't just market to wrestling fans anymore. While technically the World Wrestling Federation, wrestling really isn't the main focus of their

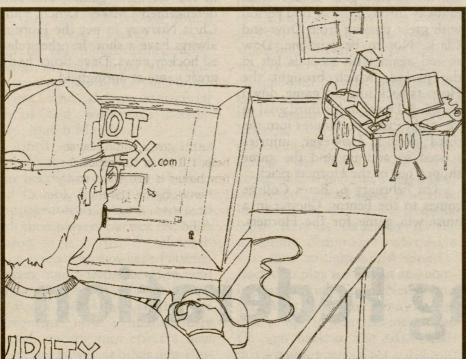
product. In fact, many fans have a better time watching the non wrestling bits."

While technically a "sports entertainment" vehicle whose focus does not always rest solely in the ring, there is still enough action within the squared circle to make even wrestling purists happy. "Mankind" Mic Foley, for one, always puts on a show and is one of the fan favorites who cause those watching him to go nuts. Of course Steve Austin need only to pop his head out so fans can see him to draw a hearty cheer from the crowd, and the New Age Outlaws (The Road Dog and "Bad Ass" Billy Gunn) delight fans with their famous catch phrase which invites fans to yell along with the Road Dog.

Dice Allen adds, "The WWF product is driven with story lines. On WWF television we see story lines being pushed, and fans follow them. Then, at pay per views, we get to see the culmination of, what amounts to, month long story lines."

Make no mistake about it, the fans who have come to watch the three WWF pay per views are not hindered by the fact that they are merely watching on TV. They react, as does the live audience at the event, with all the enthusiasm someone looking for a good time could hope for. For nearly four hours there is a sustained hum in the room, a buzz which will not subside until the final bell. No matter who wins, no matter who loses, next month these fans will be back to take part in the hottest event on campus, and they might bring friends!

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Arts & Entertainment

From the A&E Editor:

I hope the semester is going well for everyone. Just a preview of what is coming up: Next time, we'll go inside The Catamount, and give you a preview of up coming events. Also, Eve 6 and the Marvelous 3 are going to be at Chantilly's in either Concord or

Manchester, New Hampshire on February 23rd. I've heard it to be at both places but either way, I'll have a full report on that show. Plus movies and CD reviews, and anything you want to read about. Send all questions and comments to A&E Editor, c/o The Critic LSC Box 7951 or LSC Box 7825. Peace......

New on video

54 — starring Mike Myers, Ryan Phillippe, and Salma Hayek

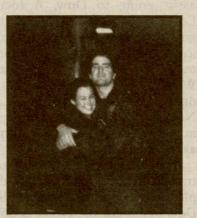
Rush Hour — starring Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan

"54". It epitomizes everything that was cool about the 1970's, it was the playground where celebrities and common people mingled and no one thought anything about it. The man who made everyone's dreams come true was Steve Rubelle, played by Mike Myers. Myers portrayal of Rubelle is one of the best performances I've seen Myers do in a long time. Unfortunately, his performance was (as always, in my opinion) the best part of the movie. While showing the debauchery, drug use, and sexual promiscuity that Studio 54 was also known for, Myers was what held it together. Another (excuse the pun), high point of the movie was the music. The disco days are gone, but the music that makes this movie move will live on. It's definitely worth checking out, if you're a fan of Myers. It's a role unlike anything he's done before, and worth witnessing.

"Rush Hour"

with Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan is one of the movies that I've seen more than once because it is that good. Tucker and Chan join forces to find a kidnapped daughter of a Chinese consulate. With Tucker's humorous actions and Chan's stunts, what happens is nothing less than hilarious. With enough action and comedy to satisfy everyone's needs, "Rush Hour" is definitely worth watching.

Five questions with Bobby Rock



By Sara LaCasse

Bobby Rock, former drummer of the multi-platinum selling band Nelson, has had his plate full. He finished last year with the completion of two major projects. One was a book based on "what would you do" scenarios that he had been compiling over time. He posed questions to friends and people he met while on the road and "Hypothetical Erotica" is the result. He also released "Snap, Crackle and Pop.....Live!!", a live album documenting the 1997 tour he did accompanied by two phenomenal musicians, guitarist Neil Zaza and bassist Bill "the Buddha" Dickens. As I found out, this was just the beginning...

S: The Rock n' Roll genre that I adore is pretty nonexistent on television and radio right no. How do you feel about the state of Rock n' Roll?

B: I would say it's definitely in transition... to what, I don't know! The industry generally moves in cycles and it seems to be in a strange one right now. Out here in LA, the labels always try to stay a step ahead of what the next big thing will be. But, from all that I've been seeing, none of them have a clue at the moment, which makes things very interesting. And as far as rock music of the day, I understand and appreciate that many bands are into this raw, simplistic thing, which is fine. But it would be nice to hear more killer players... more musicians that are really into their craft and pushing the envelope a bit.

S: The past year has been pretty busy for you. What do your plans include for 1999? Is there anything that you're looking forward to?

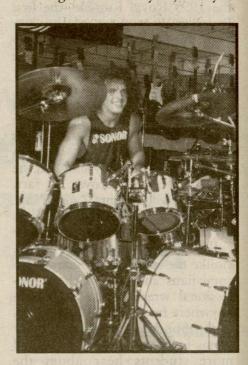
B: Well, if I can just get all of the projects I'm involved with out of the way, I want to hit the road again. I have a new book called "Hypothetical Erotica" that's just coming out and a new, double-live CD called "Snap, Crackle and Pop...Live!" that's hitting retail this spring. So, I'm ready to spend the year out on the road.

S: Why the switch from music to writing? Do you have any ideas for new projects, either music or book oriented?

B: To me, it's not so much of a "switch" as it is simply an addi-

tion to, or extension of, the music. I've always liked to write, so it's been a natural progression for me to explore that side a bit more over the last few years. It's all creative energy as far as I'm concerned ... it's just a matter of what form it winds up in. New projects? Always. In addition to the two new books that I'm doing for Warner Brothers, I have a collection of poetry, prose and memoirs that I've been working on for a few years that might finally see the light of day, we'll see. I've also started on a Volume Two for "Hypothetical Erotica"... just in case. Musically, I'm producing and playing drums on a debut release from a new artist named "Watson," a real eclectic, quirky kind of modern rock thing... something very different for me. And, I'm looking to do another studio solo record later in the

S: Was there anything that you didn't get to do last year, that you



are hoping to do this year?

B: I didn't do enough touring! Then again, that's the way it goes. You have to spend a certain amount of time creating new stuff so you CAN tour. It just seemed like '98 was relentless with all the different projects that kept popping up.

S: Last question. Do you hope to get out on the road soon, and what do you find more satisfying — playing or teaching? I mean straight out performing or doing clinics? (Bobby was named 1997 Clinician of the Year by Drum magazine).

B: I guess straight out performing has always been my favorite. But, I do like discussing and explaining what I do and having that interaction with people so, the clinic format has been a natural for me. Keep in mind that the whole clinic tour thing came about as a means of presenting my trip to specialized audience. It's sometimes easier to take the whole drum-heavy, instrumental rock

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type of format into a clinic arena, as opposed to a club or theater one

S: Now that your book has been published, how will that work into your schedule?

B: Promoting a book is a full-

time job so, in addition to any book tours I might do, I'll always be doing something for "Hypothetical Erotica," whether it's radio, or signings, or whatever. It's been funny lately, I've been doing these drive-time morning

radio shows via the telephone and, since most of them are either on central or eastern time (and very early in the morning), I generally do them between 4 and 6 A.M., LA time... right before I go to sleep. But hey—at least I'm not sit-

ting in traffic, right?



By Jason Hatch

"What do you mean, you won't print this?" Kate waved the print-out in the face of the copy room assistant. The ink was barely dry on the single-page special issue of the Editor, notably written, edited and assembled by Kate. It was a selection of comments from students surrounding the student center incident with a dose of anti-administration editorial thrown in, all in all, Kate at her finest.

"I have my instructions," the secretary responded.

"You know I don't have the budget to send a special edition to the printer, but I have a photocopy account."

"I'm sorry, but I can't do it. Please go now."

"I don't think so. I'll copy the damn thing myself."

Kate moved to the copier, but the assistant moved faster, blocking the machine with her body. "Out of my way," Kate growled.

"Please leave, or I will call security."

"Director Smythe will be on my side."

President Jones walked into the copy room, "Director Smythe is no longer your concern. He's been suspended, indefinitely. I've asked Ms. Nomad to handle the administrative part of the security department, while Officer Langley handles the patrolling portion of the department." "This is-" Kate's eyes bulged with fury.

"Perhaps you should go somewhere and cool down, Kate," the president suggested. "You've managed to upset Mrs. Waters here. She was just doing her joh."

Kate glared at him and walked out. "Fascist," she mumbled.
"What was that?" Jones asked.

"My first amendment rights." Kate stormed downstairs to

the office of the Editor, nearly knocking over a student checking his mail. On the door to the office was a can of Mountain Dew, glued on with ten one dollar bills tacked into the wood next to it. A note was curled up in the flip top of the can; it read: for photocopies. Kate grinned as she took the money. In ten minutes, she had the revised copy of the Editor. She'd added another story regarding the suspension of the director of security. After a few quick phone calls, the short was added:

During my attempt to copy this issue of the Editor, President Jones informed my that security director Smythe had been suspended with Ms. Nomad taking his place. I could receive no comment from the security department or Ms. Nomad, but the handful of students I spoke with were not impressed.

Frankly, neither am I.

Before printing the revision, Kate added one line to the bottom of the issue: Thanks to administration, this issue of the Editor was printed using the pay copy machines in the library with money donated by an unknown source.

On the way to the library, she visited one of the three vending machines on campus that still sold Pepsi products and bought a Mountain Dew.

Jim set the single page copy of the Editor down in disgust, "They took down Smythe."

"At least we have one ally," Mark reminded Jim.

"Who isn't loved by many at school, though," Mark returned. "People just don't like Kate. She's pushy."

"Cute, though."

"That goes without saying, but that doesn't make that much of a difference. She's the resident pain in the ass person." "At least people listen to what she has to say, most of the time."

Jim smiled. "Only because she's so loud. Anyway, we have to decide what we're going to do."

"We can only assume there'll be more of these SB units showing up."

"What do you think SB stand for, anyway?"

"Surge Boy, dude."

Kate looked at the scruffy looking English major before her. "Surge, as in the soda?" She asked skeptically.

He nodded his head excitedly, "It's like a big conspiracy, dude. First it's the soda, then the students." He snapped his head from side to side, scanning down the hallway. "Big brother might be watching."

"Who's big brother?" Kate stared at the student, then her blank notepad.

"Nomad.

Kate started taking notes. The student interrupted her furious writing, "Like, what do you think is up with this Mountain Dew Man?"

Kate's face reddened momentarily, "I'm a journalist; I'm supposed to be non-judgmental."

Being an English major, he saw through it, "You know what's going on?"

"Well, Tony, I think we're about finished." She walked off.

"We have to expose Nomad and these SB's for what they are," Mark said.

"A job for Mountain Dew Man?" Jim smiled.

"No, a job for a reporter."

Kate stared at her notes and the article on her computer screen. The storyline was weak; she needed more evidence before implicating Nomad for anything in the next issue. However, she thought, if I turned the story into an opinion poll of students-

Her train of thought was interrupted by the phone.
"Editor, good afternoon, Kate speaking."

"Kate, hi, its Mark."

"Hi, what can I do for you?"
"Well, my friend Jim and I

have been thinking it over and would like to join your staff."

She smiled, "Can you write?"
"I can; Jim knows a few four letter words."

"All right, I could use the help. I'll be in the office for a few hours if you want to stop in. I'm working on the next issue for this Friday. For some reason, most of my staff aren't returning my calls."

"Afraid of the college?"

"Something like that."

"We're not."

"Good, I'll see you later."

"Yep, we'll be up within the hour."

"Mild mannered reporter?"
Jim asked as Mark hung up.
"Reporters," Mark corrected. "I signed you up, too. They're hurting for staff; everyone's quit."

"Big surprise." Jim watched Mark get up off the couch he was lounging on. "We leaving?"

"Yeah, bring the suit, too."
"Are we going to tell her?"

"No, no, just in case something happens."

"I'm going to take this up with the Chancellor of the college system, you know." Smythe looked into Jones's face with disgust.

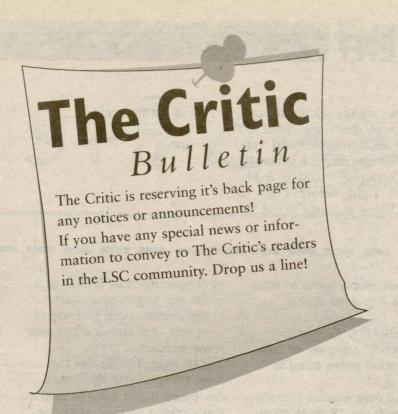
"Go ahead and try," the president of the college snarled in response. "Clean out your office and leave." Jones spun around in his swivel chair, putting his back to the now-former director of security.

Smythe stormed out of the office, charging into Nomad on the way. "I'm sorry," she said to him

"Good to know that you already knew." He shook his finger in her face.

"Its not polite to point."

"What are you going to do, sic an SB on me?"



Oscar Forecast: Heated

By Jason Scherer

This year's Oscar nominees were officially announced on February 9th, and the field looks particularly heated this year. There are a few surprising nominations this year, though some of the movies receiving nominations were relatively unheard of by the masses, a new tradition since four years ago, when independent films surged to the top of the list of contenders

Perhaps the biggest oddity among the nominations was Life is Beautiful. It's the first foreign language film to be nominated for an Oscar since 1969 (bonus points of you can name the last one). The odd part about the movie is that it's a comedy about the Holocaust. That's right, a comedy.

The biggest nominee was Shakespeare in Love, which managed to receive thirteen nominations. It's second only to Titanic and All About Eve in overall nominations. Major categories for the comedic look at the Bard include Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress, Best Supporting Actor, and Best Original Screenplay. Saving Private Ryan was considered the heavy favorite by many, thanks to Steven Speilberg, who has become Hollywood's golden boy. While the film was criticized for sentimentalizing its subject matter (a common complaint for Speilberg movies; see Close Encounters of the Third Kind and The Color Purple), that didn't stop the heavy press it received for its effect on D-Day veterans. Special hotlines were actually set up for shaken veterans after they witnessed the movies graphic re-creation of the storming of

Normandy.

As always, there were many notable absences. Jim Carrey, consid-

ered a sure shot after winning the Golden Globe for best dramatic performance in The Truman Show, was snubbed by the Academy. So was Christina Ricci for her very adult (and very controversial) performance in The Opposite of Sex. Lisa Kudrow's portrayal of a bitter, cold woman in the same movie was also overlooked. Sam Raimi, the former pulp horror director, was a heavy favorite for Best Director for A Simple Plan, but didn't make the final cut. A Simple Plan was also absent from most of the major categories. Pleasantville didn't receive a single major nomination, after ranking high on numerous Top Ten lists. Also, Tom Sizemore didn't make the cut for his performance in Saving Private Ryan.

The most prominent name missing from the lists was John Travolta (who was also ignored a few years ago after winning a Golden Globe for best comedic performance in Get Shorty), which is not altogether surprising. He made the mistake of campaigning for both his major movies, A Civil Action and Primary Colors, which ended up splitting the vote. Geoffrey Rush had the same dilemma in regards to Elizabeth and Shakespeare in Love, but his portrayal of the greasy theater owner in the latter film managed to capture the voters' attention.

A fascinating fact about the five major contenders this year is that three of the movies (The Thin Red Line, Life is Beautiful, and Saving Private Ryan) all deal with World War Two, while the other two (Elizabeth and Shakespeare in Love) deal with Elizabethan England. To the best of my knowledge, there has never been that kind of consistency among other nominees.

Tom Hanks received his fourth

nomination, after giving his best performance to date in Saving Private Ryan. If he'll win is anybody's guess; he faces some very stiff competition. If he does win, he'll join Jack Nicholson as the only actor too win three acting statues. However, it took Jack over twenty years and eleven nominations to accomplish the feat; Hanks could do it in seven years with four nominations.

Who will end up the big winner? It's hard to say. Don't expect a sweeping win by anyone, like Titanic did last year. Almost all the categories are fierce, with two or three possible winners —- there are no real heavy favorites. The Thin Red Line, a late entry, didn't get as much press or make as much money as Saving Private Ryan, but it is Terrence Malick's first film in over twenty years, which may sway Academy voters to him. Also, while Speilberg's technical mastery in Saving Private Ryan was evident, Peter Weir's inventiveness in bringing Jim Carrey's surreal world to life in The Truman Show could beat out Hollywood's golden boy. And while everyone agrees that Tom Hanks was outstanding, Edward Norton's portrayal of a white supremacist in American History X showed more guts and energy, though Academy voters tend to shy away from such controversial performances. Here's my official predictions:

BEST PICTURE: Saving Private Ryan

Underdog: The Thin Red Line
BEST DIRECTOR: Steven
Speilberg, Saving Private Ryan

Underdog: Terrence Malick, The Thin Red Line, and Peter Weir, The Truman Show

BEST ACTOR: Tom Hanks, Saving Private Ryan

Underdog: Ed Norton, American History X, and Ian McKellen, Gods and Monsters

BEST ACTRESS: Gwyneth Paltrow, Shakespeare in Love Underdog: Cate Blanchett, Elizabeth

BEST SUPPORTING

ACTOR: Geoffery Rush, Shakespeare in Love

Underdog: Ed Harris, The Truman Show, and Billy Bob Thorton, A Simple Plan

BEST SUPPORTING

ACTRESS: Kathy Bates, Primary Colors

Underdog: Lynn Redgrave, Gods and Monsters

BEST ORIGINAL SCREEN-

PLAY: Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard, Shakespeare in Love

Underdog: Vincenzo Cerami and Roberto Benigni, Life is Beautiful

BEST ADAPTED SCREEN-PLAY: Terrence Malick, The Thin Red Line

Underdog: Scott Frank, Out of Sight

The Oscars will be broadcast live on March 21 at 8:00 PM on ABC. The master of ceremonies fro the third time will be Whoopi Goldberg. Presenters will include Kim Basinger, Denzel Washington, Chris Rock, Harrison Ford, Robin Williams, and Helen Hunt.

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Where the Buffalo Roam

The year was 1980. I was a freshman here at Lyndon State College, which was a much different place back then. I graduated in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. After working as a part-time sportswriter for the past five years, I recently decided to return to LSC to pursue a degree in Journalism and Writing. Many of the college professors I took classes with nearly 20 years ago have retired or are getting ready to retire. Mary Bisson, my former advisor, who was the head of the English Department for years, has long since retired. Ruth Adams, Ralph Aldrich, Ferguson McKay, Brian Kelly, Graham Newell —— all great teachers when they were at LSC —are gone now; all retired, already receding into the past. The only members of the LSC English Department that I remember from the 80s who are still teaching at the college are Professor Jim Doyle and Professor Kurt Singer.

As a sophomore English major at LSC in the early 80s, I was a mediocre student. Then I took Survey of English Literature I with Jim Doyle. I, and the most of the rest of the class, left the classroom that first day somewhat breathless. Doyle was an amazing teacher (he still is amazing). His knowledge and love of english literature and the enthusiasm he showed for teaching us seemed boundless. Not only was he a great teacher, but he was funny. Possessed of a wonderful sense of humor, Professor Doyle was always cracking jokes and telling humorous anecdotes in between lectures about "ultimate reality" and "mutability" in the English Romantic period.

If the classroom had a piano in it, you could count on Doyle, who played a pretty mean piano as I recall, to suddenly dash to the keyboard and start playing a riff of "Rhapsody in Blue" or "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Sometimes he played piano to illustrate a point he was making. Other times, he played piano just for the sheer joy of sharing music with his students.

Professor Doyle inspired me to become a better student. Suddenly, I wanted to learn, to take

responsibility for my own learning and ultimately, my own destiny. I had caught the fire, the love of learning that had been missing before, and Jim Doyle had supplied the spark. I cannot thank Professor Doyle enough for all that he has done for me.

When Professor Doyle retires in May, this college and its students will be losing one great English teacher. The other retiring professors -Donald Miller, Alfred Toborg, and Ken Vos will be sorely missed as well. Yet I keep hearing vicious rumors that the administration plans not to fill the English professor position left vacant by Jim Doyle's retirement, that they plan to cut back the English curriculum. In a similar fashion, there have been vague rumblings that eight history courses will be dropped from the college's curriculum and no longer taught after Professor Toborg retires. And what is all this talk about turning Lyndon State College into a business/technical school? One wonders: what robots will be turned out in the brave, new world of a future "Lyndon Tech" after the powers-thatbe demolish the liberal arts curriculum?

Perhaps they are only rumors. I hope so. For if they do turn out too be true, and the administration manages to gut the liberal arts curriculum as they seem to be planning to do, it will be the knell of doom for what was once a great education available to students here at Lyndon State College.

These are strange days, indeed, for LSC students who wonder if the liberal arts will become an endangered species like the American buffalo, killed off almost to the point of extinction. If that does happen, I predict many students will take their cue from the buffalo and migrate in vast numbers to greener pastures — places like Johnson, Castleton, and Burlington. Perhaps the powers-that-be will manage to drive the liberal arts out of LSC, but the liberal arts will never die. They will still be out there where the buffalo roam.

Ed Dean

Editorial Letter Finding things to do aint so hard after all!

I'm sick of people complaining that there's nothing to do on this campus. It's ridiculous – there's plenty to do on campus. You just have to know where to look, is all. LSC is deceptivley dead. For instance, every Thursday, around three pm, you can go to Wheelock parking lot and watch two dogs engaged in sexual intercourse. It's entertainment at its best.

Also, don't forget, on the 6th of April, BAC (Bored Apathetic Co-Eds) will be bringing you the amazing "Aggravated Stringbeans", authors of the Billboard Top 2,000,000 hit, "Ice Cream Soda!" These guys have been at it for a long time, almost one month with the same lineup, and these rock and roll veterans are sure to shake the house! They'll be performing in Arnold 210 (that really small single that resembles a hallway).

But things are going to get even hotter!
Don't miss the amazing lecture on "Women in
Poster-modern Deconstructionalist NarrativeFocus Short Stories: The Ancient Legacy of Sortof Sexism" in the smoking lounge outside the
theater on the 7th of May, brought to you buy

The Really, Really Liberal Studies department.

And it'll all culminate on the 10th of May, when every single organization, club, and department will be getting together to sponsor an event that no one will show up at because everyone will be involved in running it! I think there was even mention of actually having to make sure that there was security at the event to watch and make sure no one had a good time at all.

So don't complain that there's nothing to do.
You just have to look in the right places, is all.

Jason Scherer

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Fire Alarms are becoming a nuisance

I have lived in the dorms for the past three years but this year is the pits. Fire Alarms!!! I live in Rogers, third floor, and my building has had twice as many fire alarms as any other dorm. Why is that? It's because first and second floor decide to cook at all hours of the night and forget that there is something on the stove. How hard is it to cook a grilled cheese? I have been woken up at 1:30 a.m., 3:30 a.m., and even twice in one night. Now I thought preschoolers weren't allowed in the dorms!

I will admit that the smoke detectors are extremely close to the stoves and can be very sensitive. I understand that point. I have even set the fire alarm off only once, but that was at 5 p.m. and I was cooking a hamburger, which I didn't burn. Besides my blunder, third floor has set off the fire alarm once, and again that was around dinner time. First and second floor, an all guy's floor, have a knack for setting the alarm off in the middle of the night. One night I was awakened at about 3:30 a.m., and these gentlemen were so loud that they woke up third floor Bailey. They decided it was necessary to scream and holler about having to wait outside until the alarm was off. Another night I was woken up at 1:30 a.m. to go out to twenty below temperatures. Let's just say I wasn't a happy camper. Afterwards everyone was herded into the lounge for a lecture. Third floor was dismissed early because we had to suffer countless times because of first and second floors blunders.

A couple of fire alarms a year I can deal with because everyone makes a mistake and burns something. But, having like twenty fire alarms in less than two semesters is ridiculous. For awhile it seemed like every week we had a fire alarm. It gets old real fast. My solution: Men get cooking classes!!

Stacy Patterson

Down O.U.T

By Jason Scherer

Trecently saw a bumper sticker on the back of an old, beaten Ford F-150 that proclaimed, "Guns don't kill people, people kill people". This statement is very true, but I would like to point out that while guns themselves don't kill people, guns make killing people much, much easier.

This is not a bad thing, of course; I think it's very positive. I suppose it helps that I'm a paranoid sociopath aspiring to be a full-blown murderous psychopath, but that's neither here nor there. You see, guns will help make my dreams come true; I want to hold the record for most kills by a serial killer.

Say you want to kill eight people in a night. If you have a gun, you just go out, find a nice, high church tower, snipe your eight victims, and you still have time to get a pizza and catch David Letterman before you go to bed. But say you have a knife instead of a gun. After the first couple of victims your arm gets tired, and then you have to switch arms, and you look ridiculous because you're using your offarms, so your victims are laughing at you as you try to viciously rip their life away from them. It's very disheartening to any amateur serial killer to be laughed at by her or his victims

Plus, knives are too messy. You get blood and guts all over you, so you can't wander the streets and look suspicious - besides, it's kind of hard to get lower-intestines stains off your shirt. With a gun, however, you won't get messy at all, providing you're standing far enough away from your victim. And you can really torture someone with a gun. Shoot them in the knee, and they're not going anywhere, so you can just pick off their limbs one at a time. With a knife, your victim might put up a fight, since you're in close quarters.

Along with convenience, guns offer a good price as well. It's possible to go on a massive murder spree for only \$49.99, thanks to those good folks down at your local Wally World. And don't worry about that silly old waiting period. If you're really determined, it shouldn't make a difference. After all, only the truly ded-

icated and hard-working become the great serial killers. Other weapons offer different flavors as well. Chainsaws are popular, especially among those "slasher flick" killers. Naturally, they are much, much messier than knives, but nothing compares to the sound of a chainsaw ripping through a meaty hunk of human flesh. Axes, machetes, spears, or weapons of that vein are good for those who wish to emulate that greatest of all movie killer, Jason Vorhees. Just keep in mind, however, that you don't want to be accused of being a "copycat" - originality scores major points with the public. Plus, they might stop making those wonders of art and culture if the industry thinks that "Nightmare on Crystal Lake Part LXII" might cause a bit of a stir in the serial-killer industry.

So, personally, I prefer guns just because of the convenience, price, and ease they offer me as a demented psycho-maniac. In fact, I recently published a book on the subject - "Guns and The Murdering You". It's kind of a how-to book, complete with information of how to trap scantily clad college co-eds in showers, how to hide bodies so that they will be found but unrecognizable, how to avoid eating the nasty-tasting parts of the body (for you Jeffery Dahmer types), etc. You can pick it up in the "Special Interests" section of your local bookstore, under the sub-section "Psychotic Bastards".

It's obvious that every weapon has its prosand cons. So I'd suggest that all those aspiring serial killers out there to weigh the options carefully. Don't forget, you're trying to leave a legacy, so be careful about the impression you make on people. Also, I feel that all those bleeding heart liberals down in Washington who want to restrict the sale of guns should be stopped. After all, they're impeding on the livelihood of us hard working psychopaths. I'd hate to see any amateur mass—murderers not develop to their full potential because of silly waiting periods, or not able to purchase a gun because they've been convicted of such a silly crime as "assault" or "gerbil molestation".

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President of student senate resigns

In mid semester Sharon Smith calls it quits

Mark Rushford

On Wednesday, February 10th the student senate received somewhat of a shock in the form of a letter read by Senate president Sharon Smith, her resignation. Smith was unavailable for comment during a number of occasions to answer reporters' questions. Despite Smith's silence, her letter, as well as some of those who worked closely with her during her presidency, have sited that the decision came as a result of personal reasons, and a need to refocus her attention on academics.

When contacted for her thoughts on this issue Sheryl Hruska, Dean of Student Affairs, who also serves as one of the advisors to the student government, said, "This is a loss, a big loss..' She went on to say that Sharon was facing some tough decisions, and that she resigned because she wanted to do her job as president as effectively as she always had. "When she saw that she was getting too much on her plate, she decided to step down." Hruska said. "It was either that, or let her work as both student and president suffer."

Hruska's sentiments were echoed by Smith's colleague in student government Dina Freedman, who serves as the Senate's secretary. "[Her resignation] is unfortu-

nate, but if that's what's best for her then she should do it."

The main theme throughout the course of Smith's resignation process was that virtually no one knew it was coming. From Former Vice President Jason Hatch, to Jonathon Davis, advisor to the senate. Davis, when asked to comment, said only that he knew there might be a possibility of Smith stepping down. "I knew that she was considering it, but nothing definite." He said, adding that Sharon was experiencing rough times, and wanted to concentrate on academics.

Hatch, who was in line to succeed Smith upon her resignation as the vice president, took over for Smith immediately. When asked to comment on the former president's resignation, Hatch said that the move was inopportune, coming as it did during the budgeting process. Now, however, in light of the recent conclusion of the budgeting process in House, it would seem to be disarmed.

In fact, many of the people questioned shared similar concerns with regards to the all important budgeting process. The process is one undertaken by the House of Representatives to ensure that the money requested by all of the different clubs on campus equals the amount the college allots for the

purpose of student club use. The process is, at times, long and arduous, and in light of a sitting president's resignation during budgeting had more than a few people wondering what the impact would be.

Still, both Davis and Hruska stood behind the process of budgeting, and were confidant in thinking things would go on undeterred. "The process is very structured and will continue." Hruska said, and added that she had the utmost faith in those students associated with student government

Those sentiments were echoed by Davis, who said that while the process might become a little more difficult, "Budgeting will go undeterred, but the new president will have to ensure that the process goes smoothly."

The Senate's secretary, Dina Freedman also had faith in the ability of house to get things done. "I don't think this effects budgeting." She said. "If we all work together things will work out fine." With faith in the process secured, the task of finding a new vice president had to be undertaken. With the former VP moving up to the position of president, someone would have to be found to oversee the budgeting process.

At this task, new president

Jason Hatch was very adept. He appointed senator MarciAnne Mayer to succeed him in the position of vice president, saying that he was confident in Mayer's abilities because she had been involved with the House of Representatives for the pass two years, and knew the process. "She's been through budgeting before." Hatch said, adding that the official election to fill the vice president's position would not take place until after budgeting.

Freedman supported Hatch's decision saying that Mayer was "a good choice" and that she was not biased and worked well with Hatch. "She is very personable, and a hard worker. This is a good choice." the secretary said. And indeed she was.

The budgeting process did go on undeterred, and except for one postponed session on February 16th, it went largely uninterrupted. This year's budget passed with just over a 3% freeze on the budgets of student clubs. This is the lowest percentage freeze at Lyndon State College in years, and speaks volumes about how this body continues to strive to work together in the face of many unplanned obstacles.

Heated debate in student senate

Club's constitution is thought to be discriminatory

Stacy Patterson

Over the last few months, the student senate has been in a heated and prolonged debate about the issue of Community For Christ's new constitution. It was brought before them to approve a few months ago. Every club must get senate's approval when revising or updating their club's constitution. Senate has the right to deny it, if they find any problems within the document. Most are minor problems that get cleared away shortly but, this issue did not.

Community For Christ (CFC) went to senate to get their new constitution approved. Then, they hit a snag. Senate did not like the fact that there were criteria that members had to meet to become

officesr. Anyone can join the club, but only people who meet certain criteria can become officers of the club. This did not sit well with senate as they said this statement was discriminatory. CFC's advisor Susan Graham said, "The club wants their executive board to believe in what they believe in. They want someone to represent the name of the club." She also states that anyone is welcome to join their club.

Jeff Senterman, a senator, believes that "a club shouldn't be allowed to discriminate. Their qualifications are so high to become an officer, that only certain people can get in."

It was then discovered that there is a federal law stating that groups can have criteria to become an officer in a club. It may be a certain G.P.A., or an individual has to go to a certain amount of meetings. Either way, CFC was backed up by this federal law. When asked about the rumors going around that CFC will sue the college if this issue doesn't get resolved, Graham said, "No. There has been no talk about that within the group."

The question has been raised that this is a Gay-Straight Alliance attack on CFC. In response to this, Jeff Senterman stated in a letter that he read on March 24th in the senate meeting that, "what bothers me the most is the fact that some believe I may not be speaking as an individual or as a representative of students."

When talking to Sheryl Hruska, Dean of Students, about this issue and where the college stands, she said that it was too early to comment. Recommendations will be brought to the president along with the minutes of the senate meetings. Then it will be voted on. Hruska said, "That it is hard to second guess what will happen, and that it is too early to tell."

The outcome of this issue has yet to be determined because the president has the final word on this issue. But, Jeff Senterman along with many other senators agree when he says, "Unfortunately I have come to realize it does not really matter what we say or do here."

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Philosophy professor Ken Vos to retire from LSC after 3 7 years

... the physical realm is not the only area Vos intends to stay after retiring from LSC.

By Ed Dean

Since 1967 the students at Lyndon State College have learned the great ideas of philosophy under the sage tutelage of Ken Vos, professor of philosophy at LSC. Vos will retire from the college in May.

Talking with Vos as he reflected over his 32 years of teaching philosophy at Lyndon State College, there is a sense that his passion for teaching still burns

very brightly.

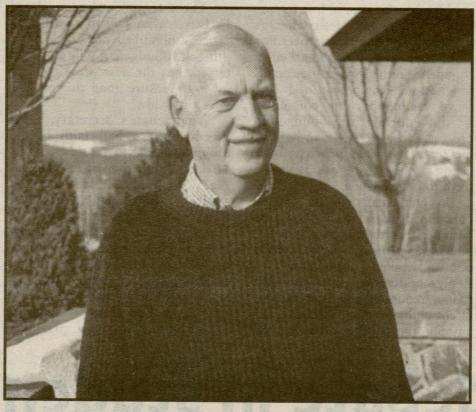
"I think it's a great privilege to be a college teacher, especially a teacher of philosophy. It's very exciting to see students light up when they're confronted with an idea they've never thought of before, or to see them thinking as you encourage them to be sort of more thoughtful about issues," said Vos. "What is a greater privilege than that? That's teaching at its best," he added, laughing

A self-described pragmatist who says that some of the things he would like to investigate are "far out

The role philosophy plays in education of college students, as Vos sees it, is twofold. One side is the analytic side that tries to get people to make their language more clear, get rid of the ambiguities of language, and to clarify and test their beliefs about things.

"But philosophy in the grand old manner, I suppose, was really some attempt to get a vision of the nature of the world as a whole and out human prospects in that world," said Vos.

Vos has always taught a course in Greek and Roman philosophy during his tenure at LSC and still feels that the philosophers of ancient Greece and Rome should sit at the head of the table at the philosophical banquet of ideas.



Professor Vos stands on Lyndon State College property of which he taught on, for over three decades

"The Greeks passed on into our Western culture their concern about education and the whole issue of how you can best educate young people for a good life, for happiness, and for the good of society. Plato even made the distinction between elementary, secondary, and collegiate education, if you will," said Vos. "Another concept in education that we get from the Greeks is that the use of the mind is intrinsically good in and of itself. That's a very Greek idea just the very notion that the Greeks have left us the legacy of the nature of education."

When discussing philosophy, Vos noted that eternal questions arise like "What is the nature of right and wrong?", "What's the source of right and wrong?", "What is the nature of the self, our

personal identity?'

"It seems there are questions that keep arising in human experience and people keep coming up with different answers," he said. "I say that even for the old Greek philosophers like Plato. I don't admire Plato for the answers he gave as much as that he raised the questions that we've been raising ever since."

Over the span of 32 years, Vos has seen a lot of changes take place at Lyndon State College.

"One of the things people often ask me is, 'Have students changed through the years?' I would say yes or no. There was a time in the late 60s and 70s during the student revolt years when it was a very exciting and crazy time when all beliefs were up for grabs," he said, laughing. "In the 80s we saw students actually reflecting in those Reagan years about 'How can I make more money?" recalled Vos.

Among the cherished memories Vos will take with him into retirement are attending plays put on by college students in LSC's Alexander Twilight Theater.

"One of my nicest memories was the strong drama department we used to have here. I hope they're going to do more with drama," Vos said wistfully. "I can recall that theater just packed full with people and they were doing the play "The Miracle Worker", you know the one about Helen Keller? And an old grizzled farmer that I knew sat in the front row. His son went to college here. At that point where Helen Keller grasps the meaning of symbols when they pump water on her hands and it all comes to her in a rush... this grizzled old farmer, the tears are rolling down his cheeks. So one of my nice memories is of

the exquisite drama we used to have here; and we haven't had very much lately," he said somberly.

Vos also has fond memories of last summer when the faculty at Lyndon State College got together to share ideas in a group organized by LSC botany professor Dave Conant to talk about a book called conciliance by Edward Wilson.

"Just the fact that we were able to get together as a group of ten or twenty and talk about IDEAS it doesn't go on enough around here as much as I'd like to see it,"

A very physical, active man, Vos plans to stay active after retiring from LSC by continuing to play softball in an Over-50 Men's softball league in Lancaster, N.H. He plays first base and is excited to start playing again. The team which he plays on features other older gentlemen from the Lyndonville area. Vos, who likes maple sugaring, plans to continue sugaring plus doing a little of what he calls "hobby-logging". Vos also thoroughly enjoys hunting, fishing, and archery.

But the physical realm is not the only area Vos intends to stay after retiring from LSC. He hopes to do "a little philosophical musing in a practical way" in a column he would like to write for a local newspaper. He stresses that he wants to remain intellectually active. A self-described pragmatist who says that some of the things he would like to investigate are "far out", Vos plans to explore his interests in the role of mediumship in Shaker Spirituality, parapsychology, and try his hand at writing a biography of Raoul May, a very famous existential psychologist who died a couple of years ago.

Vos seems most contented and at peace when he talks about his recent marriage to his wife,

"Well, you know it's been great finding Francie at the end of my sunset years," said Vos. "I've often said that in marriage, in teaching, and in my life in general, the best has been saved till the last. It has come together in a way that is just very exciting and very satisfying. I think that I'm very fortunate."

VT govt. gives funding a boost

Aaron Warner

For fiscal year 2000, the Vermont State College Board of Trustees requested a 14.7% increase in state funding. Governor Dean recommended an increase of five percent. The House Appropriations Committee, which begins the process of drafting the budget, recommended an increase of eight percent, higher than the governor's recommendation.

The House Appropriations Committee usually chooses the governor's funding recommendation. Their decision to recommend funding higher than that proposed by Governor Dean could indicate a shift in the Vermont State Legislature in favor of higher education and the Vermont State Colleges.

The higher recommendation followed the release of a report drafted by the Commission on Higher Education Funding. This commission, comprised of Governor Dean, Chancellor Bunting of the VSC, and presidents of the major independent colleges in Vermont, believes the Vermont legislature should offer higher support over a five-year period. The Commission made three recommendations for state funding increases: 5.4%, 7.0%, or 10.4%.

The House Appropriations Committee recommendation of an 8% increase in funding could be a result of the Commission's report. Eight-percent is higher than the Governors recommendation, and halfway between the minimum and maximum increases put forward by the Commission on Higher Education Funding.

State funding of higher education has increased two percent over the past decade. State spending on Corrections and Medicaid, have increased 106.63% and 101.42% respectively. This trend of low support for higher education may be changing. Chancellor Bunting feels the higher recommendation by the House Appropriations Committee will maintain the eight-percent increase, and that the Senate Appropriations Committee will agree to the same increase. The Chancellor also expressed his belief the impetus towards higher funding will continue in the future.

Three departments are rejected for new faculty next year

By Aaron Warner

The Academic Affairs office denied three academic departments that requested vacant positions be filled for the fall semester. The academic departments are Computer Science, English, and Social Science.

The English department requested Tero's office to issue advertisements to fill the position vacated by James Doyle's retirement. The department recommended Academic Affairs to hire a new English professor to teach primarily freshman level classes, with secondary classes involving literature. Academic Affairs rejected the department recommendation, instead asking the English department to consider a writing professor.

Alfred Toborg, who will retire at the end of the spring semester, teaches a number of history courses within the Social Science discipline. Social Sciences asked Tero's office to advertise for a historian. Tero rejected the request, asking the department to reevaluate the open position. Tero recommended the department redefine the position to encompass multiple aspects of the social sciences, rather than history alone.

Ken Vos, retiring professor of Philosophy, and the Social Science department agreed to merge the Philosophy department into Social Sciences. Academic Affairs agreed with the merger. Academic Affairs also agreed to advertise for a tenure track professor of

Philosophy. Social Sciences and Academic Affairs expect to have at least one of two open positions filled for the fall semester.

Computer Science is available as an Associates degree at this time. Tero said a committee is working on a new Bachelor program in computer applications. Academic Affairs plans to hire full-time faculty for such a department once the curriculum is established.

Rejected departments have two options. A department can redefine the open positions to match the recommendations made by Academic Affairs, or the department can try to convince Tero and President Carol Moore of the need for the faculty requested.

Why are students leaving?

By Stacy Patterson

Every year freshmen come and go. Slowly they disappear, one by one, leaving for many different reasons. Some aren't college material, others hate the school and some just wanted to have fun. Whatever the reason, by the end of the year they are ready to move on into a new direction. Ten freshmen who are leaving sat down with me to talk. They wanted to keep their identities anonymous, but shared their views about Lyndon State College and their experiences here.

When asked the general question on why they are leaving, some said they weren't fully satisfied with the school and what it has to offer them. Others were changing their majors to something that LSC doesn't offer. One student said, "LSC does not gear Meteorology program towards my interest. I feel that leaving LSC is in my best interest. In addition, the tuition for out-ofstate students is very high. There is nothing exciting to do here on the weekends."

My next question, "What do you believe is wrong with the school?" has one student

respond, "I personally think the school only wants the money from tuition, but they don't want to spend it." Others echo the same sentiment saying that the school is not willing to put money back into the school.

Since freshman are required to live in the dorms my next question deals with their opinions concerning the dorms. Most have some positive things to say and comment on how well the dorms are set up. Others thought the rooms could be a bit homier and a little bit bigger. Most did say it depends on the suite you live in and the suitemates you have.

My next question deals with the atmosphere on campus. Most agree that "it's a small campus, so it's like everyone knows everybody." All I heard are positive comments dealing with this issue. Everyone agreed that LSC was just like their high school, where one could name almost everyone on campus.

My next question asked these freshmen how they would recommend to solve some of the problems at LSC. One student was very negative saying, "I feel that this college is just rotting, and I wouldn't be surprised if it is closed in a few years." Others were less drastic, saying that the area around the college should be spruced up to bring businesses and liveliness to the area. One student complained by saying, "I don't think that these problems can be solved considering Howard Dean the governor will not put money into the college education system, and until the government of Vermont does something, nothing will improve."

My last question asked whether it was financial, academic or residential problems that pushed them to leave. The consensus said they don't want to be here, that they were going crazy with boredom. Most commented on how the lack of activities on the weekends made it impossible to live here.

These are just a few concerns these ten freshmen have with Lyndon State College.

Tell tale sign that spring is on the way

The ice "tower" begins to melt down



Five student representatives travel to Montpelier to fight for funding

Five Lyndon State College students traveled to the Vermont State House in Montpelier. There the Lyndon students joined with students from the other Vermont State Colleges of Castleton State, Johnson State, Vermont Technical College, and Community College of Vermont to address Vermont legislators about the need for higher state funding.

Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges Charles Bunting arranged the activities for the day. The day began with an eight o'clock meeting with Speaker of the House. The Speaker proclaimed his support for higher education and fielded questions from the assembled students.

The students were in the House chambers when the House opened session. After dealing with the agenda for the day, Legislative Trustee Jerry Kreitzer introduced the students to the House of Representatives. When the House closed session VSC students had the opportunity to meet with legislatures for brief comments.

After a brief tour of the State House, the students had the opportunity to lunch with representatives and senators. These informal discussions concentrated on the different Vermont State Colleges, and why students feel state funding needs to increase.

The VSC students tried to

speak to Governor Howard Dean in the hallways, but the Governor had a prior commitment to speak with sixth graders in the Senate chamber.

Lieutenant Governor Doug Racine was available to speak with the Vermont State College students during the afternoon.

The five students from Lyndon State were Jason Hatch, Jason Scherer, Brian Chilton, Justin Hart and Rick Cloutier.

New fitness craze invades LSC life

Mark Rushford

Tired of the same old aerobics? If so you are not alone, because there is a new flavor of fitness in town. Enter Tae Bo, a cross breed between aerobics and the marital arts. Tae Bo is a fitness craze that has swept the nation, and is now sweeping its way into the gyms of Lyndon State College.

Tae Bo is, by no means, a new form of fitness. In fact, a whole host of celebrities have been using the fitness program to stay in shape. Wayne Gretzky, Pamela Anderson, Shaquille O'Neal, Magic Johnson, Lisa Rina, Neve Campbell, and Carmen Elektra are just some of the more famous stars who have used, or who still use, Tae Bo to stay in shape.

Personally developed by seventime World Martial Arts Champion, Billy Blanks, Tae Bo blends a person's own hidden strength with the art of selfdefense, dance, and boxing combined with some of today's hottest music. It is this odd combination of a variety of different areas that makes Tae Bo so appealing to a large and diverse number of people, male and female, old and young.

The product's pitch is as follows: "Tae-Bo is easy to learn, with no complicated choreography. Tae-Bo is addictive, a workout you'll look forward to each day, without bulky, expensive equipment. Tae-Bo works!" And people who have taken the class would be hard pressed to disagree.

would be hard pressed to disagree.

"I love it." says LSC Senior
Jamie Mayo. "It's fun, and once
you try it, you'll love it too."
Apparently, the addictive nature of
Tae Bo has already firmly
entrenched itself into the fitness
programs of a number of LSC students.

Intramurals Director Sue Henry says that as many as 20 to 25 Lyndon State students attend the Tae Bo sessions, held twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. The sessions are attended by both men and women, all just eager to take part in this innovative program.

But just what is it about Tae Bo that is so appealing? What makes it "more fun" than aerobics, as so many have suggested? Again, Jamie Mayo gives us her insight: "It's more stimulating." she says. "Instead of just hoping around you're kicking and punching." While that may be the case, student expounds upon Mayo's remark. "It's really exhilarating." "There is definitely more full body motion in Tae Bo. It's cardiovascular workout rivals that of normal aerobics, but there seems to be more of a fun factor with [Tae Bo]."

And this program seems to have done away with the sometimes annoying aerobics instructor, the longtime butt of stereotypical jokes. Although there are two "student supervisors," as Sue Henry calls them, the sessions are projected on a wall in the Bole gym. The program is actually a video cassette recording of Tae Bo developer Billy Blanks, and assorted others, who are all "punching and kicking" along with the rest of the men and women watching in the gym.

While Tae Bo has not replaced aerobics, (classes are still offered three times a week) it does offer a varied alternative to people who are either turned off by what they perceive to be the step and kick blandness of aerobics, or who just want to try something new. For now, there seems to be room for both here at Lyndon State, and across the country. But if Billy Blanks has his way, Tae Bo may one day outshine even the tired and tested formula of aerobics.

LSC minors get busted at an off campus bash

Mark Rushford

The Lyndon State College students involved in the February incident on Pearl Street in St. Johnsbury have received letters of concern from the LSC administration. This disciplinary action comes as a result of a college policy stating that any students involved in actions which could potentially harm the students involved or the college's reputation can be dealt with by the school regardless of actions taken by police.

The incident involved twenty minors, most of which were Lyndon State College students, who were drinking in a St. Johnsbury apartment when police arrived to answer a neighbor's complaint of excessive noise. Upon the polices arrival some of the partygoers tried to evade police by exiting through the basement, while others hid inside.

The police found several full

containers of alcohol along with numerous open containers throughout the apartment. The twenty minors were charged with possession of alcohol by police.

But, disciplinary action did not stop there. Police, in keeping with a long standing policy, notified college officials of the involvement of LSC students in the incident. The college then decided to take action against the students itself in an attempt to deter this type of behavior in the future.

Letters were sent to the students involved detailing the college's concern over this incident. This is in keeping with current college policy which, in essence, contends that students involved in incidents which violate college rules will be subject to disciplinary action. That disciplinary action begins with a review of the case. That review yields an issuing of action leveled by the school. Those actions, depending on the severity of the incident, usually come in the

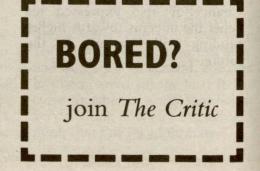
form of letters of concern for the first offense. If offenses continue, fines and probation can result, until, the school will ask multiple repeat offenders to leave campus.

In the Pearl Street incident, Lyndon State College Dean of Student Affairs Sheryl Hruska, detailed the thought process that went into the decision to issue letters of concern to the students. She stated that any incident which could potentially harm the well being of college students could and would be dealt with by the college. In this case, the police notified the school, and the school felt bound to act in an attempt to deter this type of behavior in the future.

But the school does not ignore the setting of violations. As Hruska stated, "Had this incident taken place on campus, perhaps the severity of the action would have been greater." Hruska went on to say that the school has a responsibility to the students to make it clear that they condemn

this type of behavior. Anything else, any non-action, would be the same as condoning a violation, and the school is not prepared to ignore the behavior of its students.

While it is still unknown what will happen with the possession charges the students are faced with, the school has sent its letters out to those involved, and future alcohol violations will most likely be mt with steeper penalties. The college only hopes that all students can learn from this incident, and stay away from incidents which could potentially get the students into trouble both on and off campus.



LSC Men's baseball starts this year's season

By Ed Dean

The 1999 Lyndon State College Baseball team has been running in the gym and college hallways, fielding grounders and fly balls in the dorm parking lot and generally put through their paces by the Hornets head coach Darrell "Skip" Pound to get them ready for the upcoming baseball season.

Coming off last year's record of 13-9, the Hornets will have to work harder this year to try to equal that. The team has only five experienced players from last year. Returning to play ball this year for the Hornets, they are Captain Jay Lemont, Captain Shawn Clough,

Captain Tomas Nutting, Captain Travis Taylor, Captain Alan Smith, and Captain Jim Brooks. If there is one weakness that the team has to overcome this season, it is inexperience. The team has a lot of firstyear players.

According to Coach Pound, the strengths of the 1999 Lyndon State College Baseball team are that the infield should be fairly strong and the team has 4-5 "pretty decent pitchers".

"We would like to be above .500, like to be in the playoffs, and we would like to go to the Regional playoffs. We have no proven power-hitters, the guys are going to have to hustle and manu-

facture runs, steal bases. If we play well, we should make the playoffs," said Coach Pound.

The Hornets baseball will travel south of the Mason-Dixon Line to play their first game of the season on April 5 at Warner Southern College in Florida. Coach Pound said that

the experience his team will gain playing baseball down in Florida in the early season will be invaluable when they return to Vermont. The Hornets will play their first home game against St. Joseph's College of Maine on April 17 at 1:00 p.m. at the LSC baseball field.



Front row: Joe "moose" Caristi, Jim Brooks, Ass. Coach Stuart Farina, Peter Carter, Thomas Nutting Second row: Corey Line, Shawn Clough, Ryan Farley, Jason Grimes, Travis Taylor, and Jay Lemant Third row: Jeff Croshaw, Nick Chase, Brian Lalime, Allen Smith, Dave Sweet. Travis Taylor, Matt McCarthy

1999 LSC Men's Baseball Schedule

4/5	@Warner Southern College, 3:30
4/14	@St. Michael's, 3:00
4/17	St. Joseph's (ME), HOME 1:00
4/20	@Norwich, 2:00
4/23	@Thomas College, 2:00
4/25	@St. Michael's, HOME, 1:00
4/27	@Castleton State, 1:00
4/30	@Husson College, 5:30
5/1	@U-maine Farmington, 1:00
5/2	@Plymouth State, HOME, 2:00
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Hornet women's softball team hopes to sting their way to the conference title

By Ed Dean

With 20 women out for the team this spring, the 1999 LSC Women's Softball team looks to have a full nest of Hornets ready to inject plenty of sting into their season. Last year the Hornet women powered their way to a 17-9 season record. The team's goal this year, according to head coach Tammi Cady, is to win the Conference Playoffs and, at the very least, one or more of the Regional Championship playoff games.

With a full boat of women to work with, Coach Cady's spirits are understandably high. "This is the biggest team we've had in a long, long time. I'm very optimistic," said Cady. "We do have a mix of inexperience and experience on our team this year."

Five veteran players will be returning from last year's team to lead the Hornets this season: Catherine Paul, Renee Breault, Heidi Fortin, Jodi Raymond, Chori Braley, Jennifer Craft, and Allison Chase.

The LSC women's softball team will play their first game of the season on April 5 at Webber College in Florida.

Their first home stand will be played on April 15 against Castleton State at 3:00 p.m.



Front row: Kim Kangas, Chori Braley, Heidi Fortin, Jill Gallardi, and Jackie Avery. Second row: Joy Bona, Sara Bartlett, Kathleen Keating, Tara Bartlett, Lisa Shepard and Jean Norris. Third row: Jodi Raymond, Katherine Paul, Allison Chase, Jennifer Kraft, Renee Breault, and Kim Osboron

1999 LSC Women's Softball Schedule

4/5	@Webber College, 2;30
4/8	@Seminole Community College, 2:30
4/14	@St. Michael's, 3:30
4/15	Castleton State, HOME, 3:00
4/16	@Thomas College, 2:00
4/20	Green Mountain, HOME, 3:00
4/22	Norwich, HOME, 3:00
4/25	St. Michael's, HOME, 1:00
4/26	Johnson State, HOME, 3:00
4/28	@Colby College, 3:00

At the Movies:

Little Voice starring Michael Caine, Brenda Blethyn and Ewan McGregor, and Jane Horrocks.

Winning a Golden Globe for Best Actor (Michael Caine) and an Academy Award Nomination for Best Supporting Actress (Brenda Blethyn), Little Voice has been said to be one of the best movies of the year. A musical, "magical" comedy about the recluse known as Little Voice (Harrocks), she has lived in the darkness of the attic since the death of her father, where she sits and listens to recordings that were the favorites of her father. Her mother, on the other hand, has been out and about living it up, chalking up as many one night stands as she can possibly handle. In walks Ray Say (Caine), a sleazy talent agent. Stunned by Little Voice's uncanny ability to sound like Judy Garland one minute and Marlene Dietrich the second, he's instantly got his eyes set on the gold. Little Voice's biggest hurdle is yet to come as she

tries to find her own voice, who she is, and what is more important than anything else.

Little Voice plays at the Catamount Arts Center in March. Saturday showings at 7 and 9 p.m.; Sunday through Friday at 7 p.m.; and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

From the A&E Editor:

I hope that everything is going well for everyone. It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the semester. Coming up, we will have a review of the Firehouse show in Nashua, New Hampshire on St. Patrick's Day. You all know how I love those hair bands... Also, look forward to lots more on the upcoming Angry Salad Concert here at LSC at the end of April, and more fun and mind expanding things to do in the area that are completely legal!!! Take care everyone, don't let the semester get you down....above all, have fun!

The Catamount Arts Center

By Sara Lacasse

The Catamount Arts Center was looking for good news. On Town Meeting Day they got it. The Center asked four towns, St. Johnsbury, Lyndon, Burke, and Barnet, to vote on funding for the Arts Center, and every town voted yes. This means that the Arts Center is slowly on its way to being able to provide it's patrons with a wider exposure to all things culturally diverse. Providing knowledge and entertainment to those who are beyond, or tired of the weekend kegger, or are sick of driving to Canada to have a good time. If this is you, why not broaden your horizons at the Catamount?

The Catamount has a weekly film series, where they show critically acclaimed films, both national and foreign. In March, Walking Ned Divine, starring Ian Bannen, Robert Hickey, David Kelly, Maura O'Malley and Paddy Ward. The movie revolves around the holder of a winning lottery ticket in Ireland. Jackie O'Shea (Bannen) and Michael O'Sullivan (Kelly),

read in the newspaper that someone in their little town (pop. 52 and getting smaller) has won the lottery. The two let greed lead the way as they try to find out who the luck one is. Figuring that no one in their small town can keep a secret this big, they invest a few bottles of whiskey and 18 chicken dinners to try and get the ticket holder to spill the beans. The only problem being that the lucky one isn't there. Thus begins the race to come up with a plausible Ned Devine, to claim the winnings. The movie has been thought by many to be one of the best of last year. Show times are Saturdays 7 and 9 p.m.; Sunday through Friday at 7 p.m.; with Matinees on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Catamount has a huge selection of Foreign films, as well as American Classics, such as, "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid", "Cool Hand Luke", and "Bringing up Baby".

The Catamount has so much to offer for those who are interested. Expand your mind.



By Jason Hatch

Jim and Mark heard the question from the stairwell next to the president's office. "MDM," they whispered. Jim turned, returning to the parking lot, while Mark headed back downstairs.

Mark opened the door without knocking. Kate looked up from her computer at her not-quite-unexpected guest, "What's up?" Mark was out of breath from running down the stairs, "Smythe was just fired, I think. He and Nomad are having it out upstairs."

"Let's go." Kate grabbed a spare note pad and pen and gave them to Mark. Picking up her preferred tape recorder from the desk, she led Mark out the door at a full stride.

Jim slid the armor into place, the final piece of his uniform. Closing the door to the small car, he took the water gun from the roof and ran for the side entrance to the building.

The conversation was going nowhere, Smythe decided as Nomad reiterated the same point for the fourth time in as many minutes.

"What you people are doing is wrong; when you take away basic freedoms, you're-"

"Kate," Nomad turned, smiling as the reporter came out of the stairwell.

Suspicious, Kate asked Smythe, "What's she on?"

"Power."
"I've tried to be nice to you,

Kate," Nomad started.

"Just this once, as far as I can remember."

"And you keep attacking my

character, why?" Nomad finished. "One, you don't have much character, in my opinion. Two, it's my job to watch out for people like you and uncover the truth."

"Do you really want the truth?"

ruth?" "I'm all ears."

The ever-present stairwell door swung opened, admitting Jim in the recently modified Mountain Dew Man suit.
Actually, the only change was the removal of the helmet. It was too cumbersome they'd decided. A green bandanna covered up Jim's reddish-brown hair. Mark's hair was dirty blonde, which made for a dilemma for the pair, therefore bandanna. A can of Dew hung from his belt for emergency caffeine. "Hello, Nomad."

I should've guessed you'd show up."

"So, what are you now? Director of Security, or chief of the Gestapo."

Kate sniffled a snicker, while Nomad flinched. She raised her voice and hollered into the nearby office, "Ms, Hamil, get

President Jones out here, please."
"You're not calling in an SB
for reinforcements?" Mountain
Dew Man asked.

"What, you mean a Surge Boy?" Kate prompted, getting the desired reaction as Nomad squirmed. "I thought so, you work for-"

"What's going on here?" Jones stepped out from his office, his secretary at his side

secretary at his side.
"Interruptions," Smythe said sarcastically.

"I'll have the lot of you thrown off campus," Jones snarled, pointing his finger around the hallway, finishing on MDM. "It's not polite to point," Jim said, raising the spicy Dew gun in his left hand and pointing it at the president.

"You wouldn't dare shoot me with that."

"Maybe not, but she would,"
Jim tossed the gun to Kate who
caught it and pointed it at
Nomad instead of the president.

"Against the wall." When Nomad refused to move, Kate yelled, "Now! Don't make me use this."

"It's a water gun for pete's

"I'd assume the packaging says not to shoot people in the face and eyes," Smythe said with a grin.

"And since its full of Mountain Dew mixed with pepper extract, it'll be a lot worse," Jim said.

"And it stopped the SB1 in the student center, if only for a moment," Mark added. Kate glanced at him, gears turning and made a mental note.

"Who are you?" Jim demanded.

"Who are you?" Nomad returned. "I'm Mountain Dew Man,"

Jim answered with a grin.

"Of course you are." Nomad dove forward, knocking the squirt gun from Kate's hand and bypassing Mark and Smythe to escape down the stairs. Jim spun and followed her but bounced off two SB units waiting in the top of the stairwell. "Stop him." the woman ordered from the floor above. They raced forward, grabbing the startled Jim.

"Release him," Kate ordered, pointing the gun at Jones.

The president brought his hands up to shield his eyes as Kate fired. He winced in pain and dropped to his knees, frantically rubbing his eyes. The SB's dropped their prisoner and chased after Kate who had already started running down

the hall. She passed through a set of double fire doors held to the walls by magnets and pulled them both closed. Each SB stretched an arm out toward the door handles.

"I hate to waste the can, but"Jim took the can of Mountain
Dew from his belt and ran for
the SB's. He pulled the top of
the extra-wide can open as he
ran, careful not to spill any.

Kate was holding the doors closed against the pull of the two robots. She yelled at Jim, "Hurry up, Mountain Dew Man." Wheezing, Jim stopped right behind the SB's. He quickly scanned the machines and found what he was looking for. As Nomad came out the stairwell door, screaming for him to stop, Jim poured the Dew down the top of the SB's into the sensors that were their eyes.

"SB2, SB3, destroy him,"
Nomad ordered from within the
grasp of Smythe and Mark
who'd caught her as soon as
she'd left the stairwell.

The robots spun, colliding with each other. SB3 sent out an arm for Jim, but missed by several feet. MDM back pedalled down the hallway, leaving the two blinded SB's to bump around uselessly.

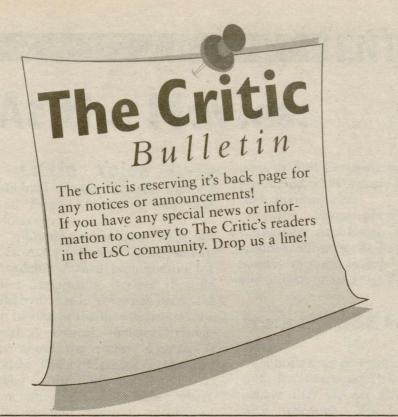
Smythe and Mark released Nomad to tend to the President, but she ran down the hall, passing Jim with a snarl, toward the SB's. "I suggest you get out of here," Smythe told the super hero

"Agreed." With that, MDM vanished down the stairs.

"You should do the same,"
Mark said to Smythe. The man
nodded and slipped out. Mark
turned to Kate, "Now what?"

She looked down the hall at the whimpering Nomad, "We write"

Three hours later, after Mark had long since left, Kate sat in the Editor office, thinking.



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Alaska's Rainforest.....an Inspiring Journey into the Wild is the story of a forest with hundreds of mist-shrouded islands and coastal mountains that soar to 18,000 feet. In Alaska's rainforest, thousands of grizzly bears still roam free, gorging themselves at salmon chocked streams. Wolves slink along the forest floor in search of unsuspecting deer. Eagles cruise along shorelines and streambanks, ready to pluck their next meal from the water. For hundreds of miles along Alaska's southern coastline, centuries-old spruce and hemlock stands grow to heights of 200 feet, making a dense canopy that shelters one of the rarest ecosystems on earth ---- a temperate rainforest.

Most people know that tropical rainforests around the globe are being destroyed. But few Americans know that the Alaskan temperature rainforest is also at

risk. The vast majority of Alaska's rainforest falls within the Tongass and Chugach National Forests, the two largest national forests in the country. For decades, Forest Service timber management policy has subsidized clearcutting on more than 625 square miles in the Tongass. "These incomparable rainforest lands belong to the American people" says Alaska Rainforest Campaign Manager Matthew Zency of Anchorage, "and we are paying to have them cut down."

In the Chugach, the best timberlands were turned over to Alaska Native Corporations and then clearcut as part of their aboriginal land settlement. The Chugach was also the site of the nation's worst oil spill, the Exxon Valdez disaster that struck Prince William Sound in 1989. Despite the clearcutting and other damage, much of the rainforest remains intact. "It is a national treasure that deserves better protection," says Zency.

"This slide show is truly an inspiration," says Alaska Rainforest Campaign Field Director Corrie Bosman of Anchorage. "We hope that folks get excited about what they see and are inspired to visit the wild places of Alaska and help protect them for future generations." The program's Vermont tour is being hosted by the Vermont Audubon Council, a consortium of local chapters of the National Audubon Society.

For more information about this free public program, contact Virginia Elliot at 626-8265.

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Unsfafe dormitory stoves leaves residents nuked

As I walked into my room the other day I stepped on a bright orange paper. As I picked it up I was astounded by what I read. The college informed the fire marshall that the stoves in Stonehenge are a fire hazard. Okay, then why have the stoves existed since the 70's? Nothing has been said until now. I think it's unfair to students who use them all the time to cook their dinner, and whenever they are hungry. Then new kitchenettes will not have stoves in them, but microwaves.

True, the stoves set off fire alarms, but I have never heard of the stoves causing any major fires. Because of that, I don't believe the stoves should be taken out.

I think the population of upperclassmen in the dorms will decrease because they use the stoves so often. Some have told me that taking the stoves out of the dorms was the last straw for them.

The stoves are one of the only good things in the dorm, even though they set the fire alarms off. I think in the long run, this will hurt the college and the dorm population. I myself am very disappointed and angry that the stoves will be taken out.

Stacy Patterson

One student reflects on his five years at Lyndon State.

In five years here at Lyndon State College I've seen a great many things change. Some were for the better, others were for the worse. I came here in the late summer of 1994, a green high school kid being left off by his parents to a place I'd seen only twice before. To say I was nervous is an understatement. Nervous was only half of what I was feeling because, most of all, I was just unsure. Unsure of how I would like things here at school, and unsure how I'd be liked by others. Unsure how my teachers would be, what my classes would be like, and what living with a complete stranger would be like too. The number of things I was unsure about outnumbered the certainties 5 to 1 that day, but the odds grew in my favor each day after that.

As I sit and talk to folks on campus, old and young, seniors and freshman, I find that, of the people I know, that late August when I met with my orientation group was the last time any student benefited from being oriented. I hear stories now of how so many people skipped their meetings, or never went to orientation, and I think back to my time in those silly groups, meeting in them only moments after seeing Mom, Dad, and my brother drive off in the family car. I think of meeting everyone in the group that day, and playing those stupid icebreaker games, and I laugh at the absurdity of them. But, with that, I can't help but understand the profundity of them as well. I met the greatest friends I would ever have at this school as a result of that orientation group. And that, after all, is the most important part of living a college life; making friends, and operating within a community as smoothly as

possible

See, I met Travis Montross that day, and through him I met other people. It's a chain reaction. And in the comfort we felt while "hanging out" together, we met other people who saw us having fun, perhaps raising hell, but always together.

As much as I would like this to be an ode to my friendship with Travis, I know that five years here at LSC has yielded more than just that. I have, for what it's worth, lived on campus longer than anyone else here at school. I've lived in the same room on campus for five years and have seen RHDs come and go. I have seen the administration change nearly every year since coming here. Perhaps this is why, when people talk to me about the administration here, and the large numbers of inconsistencies it is "guilty" of, I simply shrug. You see, the administration(s) here at LSC are consistent in their inconsistency.

For five years Residential Life has never ruled the same way on similar situations. One year a rule may state this, while the interpretation yields that, and the only thing that remains in any way consistent is that a student knows next year the rule will be seen in an entirely different way.

But Residential Life is not alone in its inconsistency. Students here at the college have changed as well over the years. The college, it seems, never knows quite what hand it is dealt with until September, when the first violations start rolling in. One thing the students have always lobbied for on campus is the desire to break rules without reprimand. One year a large assembly was held to discuss rules and the way the administration enforced them. I laughed as a host of well known rule violators spoke in turn about how their rights to break rules behind closed doors was being infringed upon by snooping RAs who had the nerve to hear bottles clanking together in a room full of twenty people, where only one or two were of age to drink from the two cases of Natural Light on the floor. It is situations like these that have led to the flavor of life here at Lyndon State College. It is, more times than not, made up of diametrically opposed sides working together to spread hypocrisy to ever nook and cranny of the campus. Students say this, administration does that, students get mad and take no action, and nothing is done. It is a bad comedy made up of a laughable cast which I shall leave this month when I

Despite the blunders and haberdashery of the residential situation there has always been an air of consistency with the faculty here at the college. I have, in all honesty, received what I feel to be a wonderful educational experience during my years here. I have never once wavered from my desire to major in English, although my desire to teach it went down the tubes two years ago. The teachers I have had here always maintain the highest form of professional conduct, while offering a fresh and personable approach to teaching their students.

It has always surprised me how much things change over time. Three presidents have sat in office since I was here; Peggy Williams, who I knew the longest, Bob Burnam, who I knew only in the interim, and Carol Moore, who I know only as a customer it would seem. Each have brought her, or his, own approach to residing in the office of president here. To be perfectly honest, I've believed in none of them. As a student first, and a resident second, I think it would be nice to be assured that this institution was

most concerned with the way it educates its students. While I may be wrong in thinking so, I cannot ever say I have felt that this administration held that as its top priority. Instead I hear faint rumblings of business terms like "cost effectiveness." I'll admit that I do not know what the long term goal is here at LSC, but I know what the short term one is. Perhaps the school would be best served with the hiring of a CEO. Maybe it should be managed like a Fortune 500 compa-

These are not decisions for me to make. I will, however, make a suggestion as I get set to part ways with a school I have, in many ways, very much enjoyed for five years; please continue to educate students the way faculty deems fit. This is, after all, a place where the primary goal should be to educate students.

Mark Rushford

A step ahead of the bunch

I would like to thank all the personnel involved with the juniper program for being my friend. Although I'm sure we've had our differences, at times, I still thing that overall we've had an excellent thing.

Many of The Critic's readers believe that such a suggestion would be incontrovertible. But to me It seems to make sense. Partially, in part that is, to contribute to the well known idea that many things are mundane but might be established as a whimsicle aspect of everyday life. For me, it just seems to fit into the space that we need to fill, in our lives, that is.

As the school year ends and we look forward to getting on with our summer activities, I hope that you, we that is, will keep in mind that dehydrating is no longer an option. Saturation is the key. To fill ourselves with saucy butter-sauce. Slippery, slimy, saucy, butter-sauce. Like mother used to build.

I realize that the constant stress of getting the job done, throughout the semester can contribute to the low pressure system in our lives, that is. So how can we take the next step without something solid in our day. Like Sunday, for instance.

In conclusion, do it right the first time, so you don't have to go back and do it again. As my mother used to say, "If you can't do a job right the first time, Quit." So instead of wandering around aimlessly trying to fill space, put something meaningful in the same place where you might not otherwise put something at all, like butter-sauce. No more meaningless dribble, but something concrete and tangible.

> Sincerely Dana Gravelle

recently became the victim of crime, as opposed to my usual role as perpetrator (I'd tell you about it, but the statute of limitations isn't up yet—I'll just say it involves several factors, including cottage cheese and a small dog). A burgular raped my humble adobe. All my vaulables are now in the bastard's posession-my cactus, my Chinese sock collection, and my autographed copy of "Yanni's Greatest Hits Live in Proctorsville, New Hampshire."

Crime must be curbed in this country assault, people who drive under the speed limit (which can lead to assault), the manufacture of Tickle-Me Elmo, and Backstreet Boys con-

Let's extend the death penalty as punishment for all crimes except non-moving traffic violations.

It's simple, effective, and an efficient form of eugenics—to remove the criminal gene from society (at least, I assume there is a gene for it. There's one for everything, including sitcom preference). Then we'll start taking care of other travesties and abominations—war, diease, poverty, hunger, and parents who name their children after flowers (of course, if we made that a crime now, which it should be, it could be taken care of ahead of schedule)

But electrocution isn't enough. The electric chair seems a tad bit too humane; all a person does is twitch a little, maybe their hair catches on fire if you're lucky, and off to hell they go. Where's the fun in that?

Let's reach back into our long and glorious past and bring back the better traditions of yesteryear. For instance, crucifixtion. It worked pretty well for the Romans; and God let it happen to Jesus, which seems like a green enough light for me. We'll have upside down crucifixtion, complete with large, heavy nails, broadcast live at half-time of Monday Night Football. It should be enough of a deterrent to would-be criminals or pop bands consisting of five boys who aren't old enough to need Clearasil.

Other advantages come from live executions. Say we decide to boil someone in oil. It could be sponsored by Crisco! The money from the sponsorship could go right towards

solving the national debt. The charcoal companies would be lining up at the door to have their name associated with the next burningat-the-stake.

Gambling could be combined with this concept to solve the national debt as well. Remember those wooden sloped tables with five numbered slots at the end you used to see at county fairs? You had to roll a ping-pong ball down the slope after guessing what slot the ball would go into, and if you were right you'd get a stuffed monkey that looked very similar to your Aunt Ethel. If we bring back the guillotine, and put one of these wooden sloped tables underneath, people at home could bet on which slot the head would go into, and the money leftover after the winnings were divided up could also solve the national debt!

I don't believe in any such thing as "cruel and unusal" punishment. Let's have some fun with the cons! Strap them into the electric chair so that they can see the switch. Arrange for the chair to not work on the first try, and when the con sees the switch go up and feels nothing, and can taste the freedom on his trembling lips, have a guard yell, "Oh that's ok Joe, you just have to flick it up and down a few times!"

And if we have to use the wimpy gas chamber, let's fill it with laughing gas first, and then give the con the real stuff after tears swell in his eyes from a laughing fit. The entertainment possibilites of capital punishment stretch far out into the horizon.

The victims of a crime should be allowed to have some hand in execution, as well. We could build gigantic slingshots and aim them at brick walls with large bullseyes painted on them, then allow the vicitm to see how accurate they can be. I know I'd like to do that to the current owner of my Chinese sock collec-

Criminals, beware—I'll be embarking on a letter-writing campaign to my congressman. I'd suggest that all of you who return tapes without rewinding them think twice about your deviant behaviors - you never know when the punishments for heinous crimes might change.

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New student trustee of VSCSA

By Stacy Patterson

On Friday April 23, 1999 representatives from each Vermont State College gathered at Waterbury to review three candidates for the Student Trustee position. CCV representatives were unable to attend this meeting.

The first candidate Karol Johansen, a senior from Johnson State, when asked to describe herself, said that she likes hands-on experiences, the challenges of jobs, the conflicts and resolutions of issues and wants to listen to others concerns. Her major is Hospitality and Tourism Management and she believes that communication is the key to any situation. When asked about how much time she will be

able to put into this job, she responded that she is very organized and likes to take on a lot. She loves the challenge. She said that the student trustee position will affect her by making her a better public speaker, developing time management skills and to grow confidence in herself. She said the most challenging aspect is trying to mediate between so many people.

The second candidate was Christina Hetrick, a junior from Johnson State. She is an adult learner who goes through the EDP (External Degree Program), which caters to mostly adults who can't make it to regular classes or college on a daily basis. She said that if she wins the student trustee position, she would like to promote and

educate adults that there is a program out there for them. She said that most adult learners and even high school graduates don't know about the college opportunities out there. She said that communication is missing in the college system and that the student's voice isn't heard enough. She said her most challenging role would be reaching the students, but she isn't sure how to hear everyone.

The third candidate was Justin Hart, a sophomore from Lyndon State. He said that a student trustee should gather many different perspectives on a subject to get the complete picture of things. He said that this position will not change him as a person but will change his time priorities. He said

he will have the same goals but will have to reorganize his time. When asked what he would does elected student trustee he said that he would like to concentrate on tuition, academics, and student concerns, and keep the lines of communication open. He said he would also like to visit each campus and get a feel for what the student's concerns are.

After careful deliberations and thought, the representatives voted for Justin Hart as the newest Student Trustee for the Vermont State College System.

The 24th Annual Northeastern Storm Conference: Hurricanes

This LSC sponsored event has its highest attendance yet

By Andy Lafleur

The 24th Annual Northeastern Storm Conference was held March 12-14 in Saratoga Springs, New York. The conference is sponsored and planned by the officers and members of the Lyndon State College AMS/NWA. Professional meteorologists and students studying meteorology attend the conference. Over 230 people attended the conference this year making it the highest attended conference.

The main topic for the conference was hurricanes and severe weather events in North America. The banquet speaker was Dr. Robert Sheets, former director of the National Hurricane Center.

The conference started Friday evening with an ice breaker by James Corbin, who spoke about how he is refining the measurement of snowfall, wind speeds, and thunderstorms by using techniques he has come up with on his own. He spoke for an hour about the techniques he is using to refine the measurements, and uses of the measurements in his forecasts. He used visual aids to demonstrate how the measurements are taken and explained how he uses the data from the measurements. The basic idea was to demonstrate how an area can be affected by a storm, amount of precipitation that might fall in an area from a storm, and how to get a better idea of how many storms went through the area by using these measurements.

After the lecture, a social gave everyone a chance to mingle with one another. It also gave everyone a chance to relax and enjoy the conference

On Saturday morning before the lectures began, Jamie Casto, President of the LSC AMS/NWA, made a few opening remarks to officially begin the day.

Before the first break in the morning session, there were four talks given about some severe weather events that occurred in the United States.

The first lecture was about a mesoanalysis of the New York State tornadoes at Albany and Mechanicvile-Stillwater on May 31, 1998.

The next lecture described the transition of a tropical cyclone to an extratropical cyclone off the East Coast. This talk dealt with where most tropical cyclones form, its movements, and where the characteristics change from being tropical to extratropical, which is a heavy rain event.

The last two lectures before break discussed "Hurricane" Huron from two different perspectives. The first detailed satellite imagery and formation of what appeared to be a hurricane-like feature moving across the Lake Huron area. The second conveyed how the models handled the tracking of the storm, and which model was best in tracking the storm. Both lectures on this storm were informative and interesting

The next five lectures of the day discussed more of the severe weather events which occurred in the Northeast, and how the forecasting models handled them. A couple of lectures detailed some of the interesting snowstorms that have hit the Northeast. There was also talk about ozone problems in the United States, and how they are beginning to forecast it a day in advance. The second to last talk was about the climatology of a Tropical Cyclone and how they are figuring out the effects of tropical cyclones on the climate of a place. There was a talk about tropical atmospheric research during TOGA COARE, (Tropical Ocean-Global Atmosphere Couple Ocean-Atmosphere Response Experiment).

The next series of lectures, were more about tropical weather systems in the United States. There was a lecture about lightning safety and how to make it safer for people at outdoor sporting events, and the advances being made in lightning-strikes direction. There was a talk about the missing Learjet in the White Mountains, which hasn't been solved by the government, and is still being investigated by the weather service to find the reason behind the plane going down.

The panel discussion featured professionals from USA Today, television, the National Weather Service, and graduate schools to talk about how to succeed in the field and how they made it to where they are now. They also talked about their experiences in the field of meteorology, and what they've enjoyed the most

Finally it was time for the banquet on Saturday night, which started with the meal, followed by Dr. Robert Sheets talk about the effects and impacts of hurricanes on people. Dr. Sheets used a slide show for his lecture to show the effects of hurricanes on people and how to avoid the same problems if the correct measures were completed for safety during a hurricane. He showed slides of hurricane imagery that put everything into perspective, and demonstrated the damage from hurricanes, which emphasized his lecture. He also talked about his experiences as the Director of the National Hurricane Center and his responsibilities at the hurricane center during hurricane preparations and surveying the damage afterwards. It was the high point of the conference because the speech was so articulate and interesting that it kept everyone's attention the whole time. He was probably one of the best speakers according to people who have attended past conferences that have spoken at the conference.

On Sunday, there were more talks about different weather events that affected the Northeast, and about how the storms were forecasted by the models. The conference ended at noon.

Professor is in violation of the Family **Educational Rights and Privacy Act**

By Mark Rushford

Two e-mail messages sent early this semester may have been in violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), sometimes referred to as the Buckley Amendment. The first email was sent by an LSC professorto two of his students regarding missed work. In the e-mail, the professor outlined what he intended to do by way of docking the students' scores and grades.

Instead of sending each of the two students involved with inadequate classwork their own separate e-mail message, the teacher sent one message to both students This allowed one student to be privy to his classmate's grade, and vice versa. Because of the sensitive nature of the information contained in the message, this could very well be construed as a violation of the Privacy Act, which protects a student's personal information (like grades) from being shared with unauthorized individuals.

The fact that this e-mail allowed each of the students involved in this situation the chance to see his or her peer's grade as well is only part of the possible violation of FERPA.

Four days after sending two of his students the e-mail informing them that their grades would be

lowered as a result of their failure to comply with class requirements, the professor's secretary forwarded another message from the teacher to the entire class regarding the situation with the other students.

The purpose of this second email was to illustrate to the rest of the class that the teacher was "not going to tolerate less than professional behavior for [the] course." Furthermore, the teacher conveyed in his e-mail that he would "closely monitor" their work and that "penalties" would be "severely and swiftly reflected" in their grades. Included in this message to the class was the original message the teacher had previously sent to the two classmates. This time, the confidential grades of two students had been shared with an entire

This would seem to represent a clear violation of FERPA. The Privacy Act protects everything defined as "education records", and education records are defined as records that are:

1. Directly related to a student;

2. Maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or insti-

Often, education records are thought of as files on a student. However, this is a misconception. Education records are any record maintained in any way, including, but not limited to:

- Handwriting
- •Computer Media
- •Print
- •Video or audio tape
- •Microfilm and Microfiche
- •E-mail

Partial education records of these students were shared in an email both to with each other, and with the rest of the class. And, while one of the exemptions to the definition are sole possession records, which are defined as types of "memory joggers" for the individual keeping, or making, the record. This would not seem to be the case in this instance.

The grades, as defined in the email, are absolute. One of the students was informed he would receive zeros for missed work, and the other was told he could expect fifty percent off his grade for one portion of the work he was expected to complete.

The teacher would, presumably, average these penalized grades in with the rest of the students' grades at the end of the semester, thus making these grades education records when looked at in comparison with the definition outlined in FERPA.

However, there is room for interpretation. When asked about the situation with these two particular students, and the e-mail they and their classmates received, Sheryl Hruska, Dean of Student Affairs, said that she was not sure if the current wording of the Privacy Act encompassed a situation like the one in this case. This, admittedly, would leave some debate, and question, over whether there was a violation of the Buckley Amendment.

While little is known what action was taken by the students, or by the school, against the professor who sent these e-mail messages, we do know what course of action has not been taken. The students have not filed any civil actions against the school, the professor, or the Vermont State College Association. In addition, the school has yet to announce any official sanction or penalty leveled against the professor.

Professor takes medical leave of absence

By Mark Rushford

On Monday, April 12 an email message was sent from the Dean of Academic Affairs to all students in the meteorology department to inform students that Professor Barry Richwien had been granted a medical leave of absence effective that day and lasting for the remainder of the semester. According to the e-mail, Richwien's classes would be taken over by the other professors in the department.

According to students in the department, Professor Richwien has had a number of medically related absences in the past. Although it is unknown how long Richwien had been considering seeking the leave of absence before requesting one, the news of his departure was met by little surprise with students enrolled in the professor's classes.

When asked to comment on the nature of his current leave, Richwien would say only that it was for medical reasons, and would not elaborate further, except to say that he would be back this fall. He would not say how long he had contemplated asking for the

Paul Tero, the Dean of

Academic Affairs, was unavailable for comment on this issue, but in his e-mail to meteorology students referred questions those in the department might have to Professors Nolan Atkins, Bruce Berryman, and Pam Grube. The email also informed Richwien's advisees that they would be reassigned and notified of as to who their acting advisor would be.

oe Bellavance to leave LSC at year end

By Jason Scherer

Joe Bellavance, Dean of Enrollment Managment, leaves Lyndon State College after this semester to become the new Dean of Academics at Nichols College in Massachussets. Bellavance's departure comes as a suprise to many, including Bellivance.

"I wasn't looking at all," said Bellavance. "Someone at Nichols called me and said my name had come up in connection with filling the vacancy."

Bellavance was a student at LSC from 1982 through 1986. He returned to LSC in 1989 to work for the Admissions department. "I thought it was the greatest thing to

get paid to go around and talk about LSC to potential students, since my experiences as a student here were so great."

Bellavance became Dean of Enrollment Management when the Admissions, Financial Aid, and Registrar's offices were combined. Bellavance's position at Nichols will be similiar to his one here, though he will work closely with their departments as opposed to overseeing them.

Bellavance knows Debra Murphy, the president of Nichols, from when he was doing graduate work at St. Michael's and she was an administrative director. She was the one who initially suggested

Bellavance as a candidate for the

"When I first started working here, I thought I would only be here for a couple of years. I didn't know it would last ten years," said Bellavance. "Come to think of it, where did the last ten years go?"

Bellavance cited several motivations behind his impending

"I like the school (Nichols)," said Bellavance. "It's very comfortable. I like the area. It's rural, similar to this area, but only an hour away from Boston, Providence, and Hartford. It's very centrally located. Also, my wife's family is from the area, whereas mine is

from this area. This will give us the opportunity to be close my wife's family.'

Wayne Hamilton, Dean of Administration, says that they will be advertising nationally to fill the empty position. "We've made some advancement with the combining of the three departments. We're looking for someone with the skills to continue the great teamwork that's been done in regards to recruitment and retention."

Bellavance says he's had a wonderful experience at LSC, but, "I felt like it was time to jump out of the nest of LSC and spread my

Jason Scherer resigns from student house of representatives

By Ed Dean

In a letter presented to the LSC Student Association Houses of Representatives at their meeting on April 19, Jason Scherer, a junior at LSC, submitted a letter of resignation from his post as Sergeant-At-Arms of the House of Representatives.

Scherer stated in his letter to the student House that reasons for his resignation "should be obvious to those involved inrecent events." Scherer cited an incident where someone broke into the e-mail system for political purposes and another where people were accusing him of being on a "power trip" because he met with LSC Dean of Student Affairs Sher Hruska on April 2 to discuss a political issue as being factors in his decison to resign." Power had nothing to do

with it; I was doing what I felt was ethically right at the time, which is the same argument that those who disagree with me use as the justification for their actions. I did not represent the opinions of the club I represented; I will admit that. I am guilty of incompetence in office because I did not perform the duties for which I was elected, and consider it among the reasons for my resignation," Scherer stated in

his letter.

The Student House of Representatives accepted Scherer's letter of resignation and student house member Aaron Warner, an LSC senior, was unanimously elected to relace Scherer as Sergeant-of-Arms

LSC Journalism Day a complete success

By Aaron Warner

The fifth annual Lyndon State College Society of Professional Journalists J-Day conference was held March 26-28. A total of 77 students turned out for the three day event.

Day One of the conference began with the Friday airing of LSC-TV. Two of the five conference panelists, Robin Rushnell and Mark Viveiros, arrived Friday to observe the final preparations before the newscast, and the newscast itself

Day Two began with lunch in the Burke Mountain Room, followed by a brief tour for the panelists of LSC-TV. The first three of one-hour workshops began when the panelists returned to the Burke Mountain Room. Conference attendees could choose one of three workshops to attend: News: Defining, Dissecting, and Delivering, presented by Christy

Boyles; News: The Control Room IN Control, presented by Mark Viveiros; and Weather: The Real Deal on Thunder and Television, presented by Kevin Skarupa.

The second group of workshops were Ken Shreiner's presentation News: Starting from Scratch, and Robin Rushnell presenting NOT News: Using Journalism Success Elsewhere.

The third day, reserved for seniors involved in SPJ, allows the panelists to engage in one-on-one discussions. Each panelist met individually with a senior for fifteen minutes. These informal meetings let students go over resumes, news footage, and related broadcast journalism with professionals. Dana Rosengard, faculty advisor of SPJ and a professor in the Communications Arts and Sciences department at Lyndon State, said these one-on-one sessions benefit seniors preparing to

graduate, both because the meetings are essentially interviews and it gives the students another perspective on their work. Students get an interview under their belt, gaining valuable, practical experience. Rosengard said about getting these initial low-pressure interviews, "I wish I had had that opportunity."

Two of the panelists, Boyles and Skarupa, are graduates of Lyndon State. Boyles works for WCNC-TV in Charlotte, NC as nightside assignment manager. Skarupa is a weekend meteorologist at WMUR-TV in Manchester, NH.

Shreiner is news director at WVNY-TV in Burlington, VT. Viveiros has over a decade of experience in television production. Rushnell uses her journalism experience in her career as a communications consultant for the Xerox Corporation.

Although SPJ produced the conference, Rosengard said he always tries to bring in one nonnews person as a panelist. The skills students learn as CAS students are applicable outside journalism, and Rosengard reinforces that fact with the non-news panelists. 14 of the 77 attendees participated in the non-news workshop, presented by Rushnell.

Attendance varied this year. While predominantly CAS majors, Rosengard said students interested in meteorology and print journalism attended. Two students made the trip from the University of New Hampshire to attend.

Rosengard said a tertiary purpose of the J-Day conference is to get Lyndon State on the national map. Past panelists have travelled from as far away as Mississippi, and have had job locales ranging from major NBC affiliates to White House correspondents.

Student government and administration clash President Moore Unveils New Proposed Budget

By Ed Dean

Due to some recent, heated discussion among LSC student House and Senate members concerning the 1999-2000 LSC Student budget, Association Administration at Lyndon State College seized the budget and told Senate members that they would revise budget proposals and make their own recommendations. At student House Representatives meeting held Tuesday night, April 20th in ATT 202, a revised Student-Activities-Fee-Based budget from President Carol A. Moore was handed out to House members. Accompanying the revised budget was a short note from President Moore:

"Based on guidelines from volunteer members of the House and Senate, I offer a revised proposal for next year's budget. This copy of the budget is for distribution at this week's meetings and for discussion at the April 27 House meeting and the April 28 Senate meeting."

"Your discussion next week will help shape the final draft of the budget. My strong hope is that this budget or a revision of it can be approved by a vote of the House, Senate, and me. I would prefer that we go into next year with consensus needs of students across the campus."

"Dean Hruska is my designee for the House and Senate discussions. She and Jonathon Davis will work with you to reach a positive conclusion to the budgetary process. I know your discussions this year have been challenging and at times painful. I encourage all of you to work in your last meetings to approve the budget that can help heal the separations and agonies of past months,"

Members."

Cuts were calculated using the total budget amount after the orig-

wrote President Moore in her letter

to LSC Student House and Senate

inal 3.9% freeze was calculated.

Three clubs were cut significantly: \$3,000 was cut from Ice Hockey, \$2,000 was cut from The Entertainment Club, and \$1,000 was cut from the college radio station, WWLR. According to the "Recommendation Explanations" listed on the budget adjustment sheet, the rationale for cutting \$2,000 from the Entertainment Club's budget was that the club "has existed primarily to buy videos. They have not held any meetings or spent any of their funds for the current year. Some of their money might best be used elsewhere."

The reason given for the \$3,000 cut from the Ice-Hockey budget was listed as being that "The hockey club has a budget that is larger than all of the LSC varsity athletic teams. They command more than 16% of the total S.A. budget with approximately 20 players."

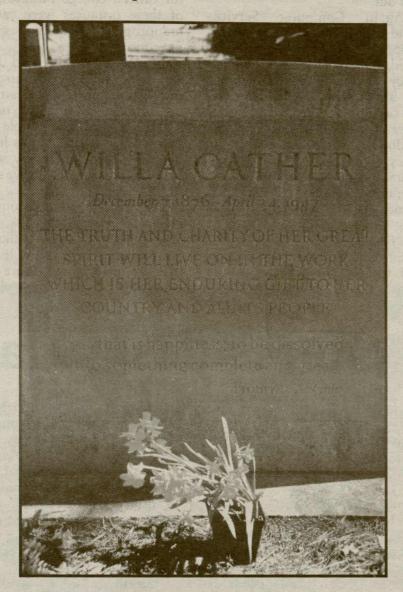
No reason was listed under

"Recommendation Explanations" as to why \$1,000 was cut from WWLR's budget.

Six budgets will have money added to them under the proposed redistribution which will require an additional \$6,000 from the general fund to implement. \$6,000 was added to CAB because it was stated that CAB cannot maintain a consistently strong schedule of fun activities throughout the year with less than \$45,000. \$1,000 was added to Twilight Players because it was recommended that an extra \$1,000 would help the Players hire a director that would help in the quality of their productions. \$1,000 was added to Student Alumni Ambassadors to help with senior week costs. \$2,000 was to the Intramural Department. \$1,000 was added for Adult Programming and \$1,000 for Spring Break Programming.

WHERE THERE'S A WILLA, THERE'S A ROAD TRIP

A Journey into the dark side of American Literature



By Ed Dean

T.S. Eliot was right: April is the cruelest month. Up here in The Great White North of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, winter slowly, but reluctantly releases its death grip on the weather patterns as warm weather and sunshine return to our little corner of the state like an old friend. Yet the rain still comes down and "cabin fever" has set in by the end of March, if not

before then.

Luckily, Spring Break comes at just that time of year when snowbound college students, already half-mad with a combination of snowblindness, bronchitis, and just plain restlessness, need to blow off some steam before they start strangling a few choice administrators. For some, the warmer climate of Florida and Mexico beckons. Those unfortunate collegians who just do not have the money or the good luck of being able to finagle a trip to the lower latitudes, have to get creative about their Spring Break travel itineraries. Fortunately for them, there is still one time-honored tradition left: road trip.

During the past spring break, Ray Coloumbe, a fellow English major, and I decided to strike out on a road trip deep into the heart of the boneyard of American Literature. Our mission: to make a pilgrimage to the grave of Willa Cather to see what we could dig up on her. We had read *The Professor's House* by Willa Cather in Professor Boye's American Novel class and just could not pass up a chance to pay tribute to her

genius while getting out of town at the same time.

Ray picked me up early Tuesday morning and we roared off down I-91 in his pickup truck. A certain Nebraskan had tipped us



off where to find Willa's grave, although once we had traveled within range of our goal, we soon realized how vague and unclear his directions were. "Just like his teaching," guffawed Ray as we barreled down the highway, laughing as the cool spring air rushed through the truck's open windows. Soon we were laughing so hard that Ray had to pull the truck over

to the side of the road and park until the laughing spasms subsided.

We kept looking for a cemetary in the small town of Jaffrey, NH where Willa Cather was supposedly buried, but as we drove closer and closer to the center of town we began to get the sinking feeling that we had been

her life in the Southwestern United States, was fititngly buried in the southwestern corner of the old burying ground. Cather's grave and that of her longtime companion, Edith Wells, both faced westward.

Eerily, a loud church bell started to toll at the very instant Ray and I started to enter the grave-



duped by another American Master. I could picture the old muleskinner laughing back at his office at LSC. We considered stopping in at *The Rusty Bucket* cafe and asking someone inside if they knew the whereabouts of Willa's final resting place, but we nixed the idea. Anyone who eats at a place called *The Rusty Bucket* cafe is probably not a reliable source of information. We decided to press on and drive farther up the road

and continue our search. After about five minutes of fruitless searching, we stopped to inquire about Willa Cather at a Mobil station on the outskirts of town. The woman who owned the station told us that we had driven past the hill where the cemetery Willa Cather was buried in was located.

Following her directions, we were able to find the right site after some questioning of a nice old lady who was out raking her lawn. We had been so close! Ray had driven up this very road looking for the cemetery, but had turned back since we could detect nothing in the way of gravestones. But like the enigmatic Willa Cather herself, the cemetery was not easily seen by the casual

observer. In retrospect, the horse stable at the top of the hill should have been the big tip-off that we were close. REALLY CLOSE. The old burying ground that Willa's grave was located was hidden in a hollow on a downhill slope behind the stable. Cather, who had lived much of

yard where Willa Cather was resting peacefully. It was noon. After tying bandanas around our faces and picking up our shovels, Ray and I went down to the gravesite where we took turns posing for a few serious and not-so-serious photographs to commemorate our journey into the boneyard of American Literature.

As we left the small graveyard and drove west back towards I-91, there was a feeling that in some small way we had left Willa Cather's grave with a better understanding of the woman and artist that she ultimately proved herself to be in the canon of her works. If nothing else, it had been a great road trip and could perhaps earn us some extra credit points from our American Novel professor. So we barreled onward down the highway as the sun was setting in the west, satisfied that our road trip had been a success and was ultimately a tour-de-force of the American dubious.

NEXT ISSUE: SEE WHAT WE COME UP WITH WHEN WE GO "ON THE ROAD" WITH JACK KEROUAC.



Computer break-ins at Lyndon State

By Mark Rushford

Computer Services has had problems on two occasions this semester with students gaining unauthorized access to a computer list that sends e-mail to all of the college's faculty and staff. While the list is reserved for college staff and authorized personnel only, these students did not 'hack' into the school's computer, but used a list they were not supposed to be

The first occasion arose when a student used the list to forward an e-mail sent by LSC Junior Jason Scherer which called for the dissolving of the Student Senate because of some political bickering that had been rampant during

many meetings of the body.

While the motives for the forwarding of the e-mail to all members of the college's faculty and staff remain unclear, the issue of whether this was inappropriate use of the existing service is not. Richard Moye, acting Dean of Technology, stated that indeed this was a clear case of inappropriate use of a service students are not authorized to use.

Less than a month after the first use of the e-mail list, another student used the same list to send a message to LSC faculty and staff. This time, the motive behind the student's use of the service was more clear to see if the list worked for him in case the need arose in

the future to send this type of e-mail out.

Again Computer Services found the student's use of the list inappropriate. On this issue, Moye stated, "There is a responsible use policy governing computing use that all students have received at one time or another." The policy Moye speaks of is in the student handbook. Under rule 14 of the policy, it is stated that, "Unreasonable use of VSCnet and computing resources for personal business is prohibited as well as using more than a fair share of such resources."

Since both students in question used the list for what could be described as personal reasons, and

because use of the list is reserved for official college business, both of these instances were cases of inappropriate use of a college resource.

According to Richard Moye, Computer Services has moved up their timetable for restricting access to the list so that no one but authorized users will be able to use that, or any other, campus list. "I don't believe that it is now accessible to student users." Moye said in the interview.

When asked what actions were taken against the students, Moye said that both were talked to regarding their use of the list, and that the incident was more of an annoyance than a major violation.

Mac virus infects and effects design lab

By Mark Rushford

An autostart virus has taken hold of the Macintosh computers in labs across campus, including the graphics lab. This particular virus is a variant of a type of virus Computer Services has been dealing with for most of the semester, and before.

The virus works by eventually corrupting application and data files, and cannot do any physical damage to the computers' hardware. When asked about the possible loss of information on the computers Richard Moye, Dean of Technology, commented that total loss of data is "sometimes a remote possibility." but that "...students

should not be saving data to local hard-drives." As for the loss of system applications, Moye said "Any machine can be restored simply by cleaning up the virus and reinstalling system applications."

Though Moye said other viruses have affected PCs (Windows based computers) this particular virus is Macintosh specific, and was probably passed to the computers with the ease people pass colds to one another.

As for when things will get back to normal, Moye ensures that the virus checkers installed in the computer labs are currently being updated, and machines are being scanned to eliminate the virus. He also said that "Machines that have been seriously affected have been restored by replacing system and application files that were corrupted." He went on to ensure that this particular virus, "...seems to be under control."

That should come as a relief to the many students who use the Macintosh computers to get their work done, a number of whom are Graphic Design students. It is widely known throughout the computing populace that Macintosh computers are the favorite choice of graphic artists. When news of the virus problem got out, graphics students were put in a nervous situation.

Originally it was thought that students might have to purchase new Zip drives, devices each student uses to store their work on. The initial thought was that, if the computers had been affected, their Zip drives might have been contaminated too. This news did not sit easy with students so close to the end of the semester, when their portfolios were due.

Luckily, most, if not all, students in the Graphics department were able to run scans on their Zip drives to determine whether they had been affected or not. Those contaminated were cleaned by the updated virus checkers.

Professing and Confessing by Ken Vos

By Ken Vos

Those who teach at the college level consider it an achievement to be awarded the title, "professor." I take it that a professor has gone beyond proficiency at imparting the wisdom of others in one's field and engaging students actively to pursue that wisdom. To be a professor implies that one has reached a point of maturity so as to be able to say, "Here I stand!," whether it be about Descartes' mind-body dualism, the meaning of Postmodernism, the nature of the unconscious or the most promising direction of research in plant biol-

But I have often puzzled about the role of "confessing" in the classroom. By "confess" I don't mean admission of wrongdoing, primarily. Confession in the classic sense implies laying bare significant dimensions of ones personal life, as in the confessions of St. Augustine or Tolstoy; or De Quincey's eerie account of his experiences as an opium-eater. Many confessions are not that dramatic, of course.

There are two strong proponents of something akin to confession in the philosophy of education. One is John Dewey, who said education is of, by and for experience. Short of a full experience of interaction with, or reconstruction of, one's environment, a verbal sharing of experience is valuable, especially from those who have learned something from it. Our second philosopher, Martin Buber, was the best known Twentieth Century advocate of the I-Thou. He felt that such a relation is essential to education because education is about the flowering of our potential as unique human beings. To achieve the I-Thou, one must reveal oneself to another with spontaneity and from one's depths. (He didn't say we should always wear our hearts on out sleeves!) The other in the dialogue reflects it back so that one can assimilate and act upon it. Only so can one really come to know and actualize oneself. The I-Thou at its best is mutu-

Although I am drawn to people who are self-revealing, I realize

that many students, as well as their teachers, have mixed feelings about wanting such a relationship. Buber, however, felt that the I-Thou is increasingly precious and rare in a world dominated by the I-It, in which people speechify, classify, play roles and share activities without any real "event of meeting" with one another.

Obviously, confession in teaching has its dangers and limitations. It can make very private people uncomfortable. Some disciplines don't lend themselves to it as much as others. It can be irrelevant to the topic at hand. The narcissistic could take advantage of it before a captive audience.

Still, the role of confession tin teaching needs to be explored, and for other reasons than those already given. A dossier of one of the 311 applicants for the position in philosophy says something like this: Ms. (Jones) doesn't tip her hand on issues. She wants students to make up their own minds." But another reads, Mr. (Smith) has changed his teaching and now shares some of his convictions on

important issues." I am with Mr. Smith. I learned early that students wanted to know where I stood, so long as they felt completely free to disagree and to express their own beliefs. Knowing a teacher's views, (and only at the end of a good deal of Socratic exploration), gives students an anvil on which to hammer out their own beliefs. Another important occasion for confession is when a teacher can say, "I used to hold this view, but now I have changed my mind, for the following reasons...."

Students can let their teachers know whether they would like more or less confession. When I look back, I suspect that I have sometimes erred on the side of confessing too much. Once, after I shared with a class the comment of the poet, Robert Bly, that the word "I" appears too much in contemporary poetry, the best student in the class arched one eyebrow. That told me everything. So these reflections, too, are a kind of confession.

They Might Be Giants Concert

By Stacy Patterson

On Sunday, May 2, 1999 "They Might Be Giants" came to Lyndon State College to perform. There were many preparations made for the arrival of the band. LSC student volunteers helped build the stage and put a lot of their time and effort into the job. The result was a success. The concert went off without a hitch. The opening act was the "Michael Shelly Band". They played for an hour and rocked the house. Then "They Might Be Giants" came on stage and cheers erupted from the crowd. They kept the crowd enter-

tained throughout and came back on for an encore. The best part of the night is when they brought out the talking heads. The crowd went

Jon Flanscarguh of "They Might Be Giants", when asked if he had ever been to Vermont before, said, "...we did some shows in Burlington, Vt very early on when the band first came out in a place called Borders and we played at an art gallery show in Burlington before we even made any record."

A question was asked abut how many CDs they have outright now and Flanscarguh said, "We've released six proper albums and them there's compliations of songs that are out."

When asked what the band does when they aren't playing music. Flanscarguh said, "We don't have that much free time between writing songs and recording and other kinds of obligations; we've got a couple of interesting things coming up in the next couple of months. The first sixty seconds of the new Austin Powers movie opening theme song we recorded and my wife sang it; that will be really cool."

When asked if "They Might Be

Giants" had any plans to come back to Vermont, Jon said, "Yup...my next tour date. Vermont's not really on the circuit. I wish we could play here more frequently."

Overall the concert was a success. LSC students put a lot of their time and energy making sure everything was set up properly and then taking everything apart at the end of the concert.

















LSC softball team is in a habit of winning games

Hornets' Softball Team Splits Double-Header with Castleton State

By Ed Dean

The Lyndon State College softball team split a double-header with Castleton State College on April 14. In the first game, the Hornets nipped the Spartans 3-2 and in the night cap Castleton edged LSC 5-4.

The Hornets connected for 11 hits and were perfect defensively as

they committed no errors in game one. The Hornets' defense fell apart in the second contest, however, as the Hornets made eight errors out in the field.

Corey Braley and Allison Chase both went an impressive 3-for-4 in game one while teammates Heidi Fortin and Jen Craft were 2-for-3 respectively.

Hornets coach Tammi Cady

was pleased with her team's play in the first game, but felt that the Hornets' efforts flagged in the sec-

"We got beat by a combination of them wanting to play and us not ready to. We are very evenly matched teams and we gave up some 'gimmies' on a series of their bloopy hits. We simply should have played better," said Coach Cadv.

Chase hit the ball well all night as she went 2-for-3 in game two. Jody Raymond also went 2-for-3 for the Hornets in the second out-

LSC's record after the double-header with Castleton stood at 3-3 (1-1 in the Mayflower conference).



LSC Women Sweep Double-Header

By Ed Dean

The Lyndon State College softball team swept a double-header April 24th against Thomas College.

In the first game, the Hornets recorded a 9-0 shut out and followed that with a 10-2 victory.

The Hornets took their time getting a lead in the first game, but got it together in the fourth inning with seven runs crossing the plate.

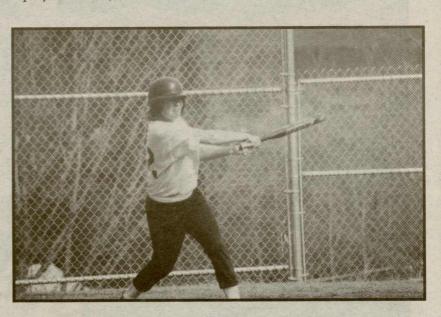
Allison Chase led off the fourth inning with a home run followed shortly by a Catherine Paul grand slam. Paul went 2-for-3 for the game.

The Hornets pitcher Kathleen Keating acheived her first LSC shut out and no-hitter. LSC Coach Tammi Cady was pleased with her team's play. "We loaded the bases for Paul and she took charge with the home run. The weather conditions weren't the best, with a wind and cold combination, but the team stepped up to the challenge."

In the second game, the Hornets jumped out to an early lead with four runs in the first inning.

Thomas College scored only two runs in the second inning. Heidi Fortim scored a double and went 3-for-4, with both Amy Chamberlin and Tara Bartlett going 2-for-3.

Jean Norris went the distance in the five-run second game, picking up the win.



LSC Softball Sweeps JSC

By Ed Dean

The Lyndon State College softball team swept its final conference double-header on Monday, April 26th as they shut out Johnson State College, 8-0 and 4-0.

The victories put the Hornets into a tie with Castleton State College for first place in the Mayflower Conference. Because of the tie, the two teams will flip a coin to see who will get the top seed in the tournament.

Kathleen Keating pitched masterfully to pick up the win in the first game and Jen Craft windmilled the Hornets to victory in the second game.

Game one was a the backdrop to a well-rounded offensive attack by the Hornets. Allison Chase drove in three runs, going 2-for-2 and Kim Osborn went 3-for-3 from the plate and knocked home two runs. Craft, Heidi Fortin and Katherine Paul, meanwhile, all added two hits in the winning effort.

Despite having stranded 10 runners on the basepaths in their second game, the Hornets won the second game, 4-0. Jen Craft went 3-for-4 at the plate for the Hornets while Jackie Avery added two hits.

LSC coach Tammi Cady commented that "we got win number one with offense and win number two with defense. Our bats really came alive early in the day and solid pitching and mistake-free defense kept us up in game two."

LSC Softball Splits Double-Header

By Ed Dean

The Lyndon State College Hornets played their last doubleheader of the 1999 season by splitting a pair with Colby College. Kim Osborn was the hero of the 8-4 victory in the first game.

"It was largely our defense that won it for us in game one and a combination of costly errors and hits that lost it for us in game two," Hornets coach Tammi Cady said.

In particular, Cady highlighted the defensive efforts of Catherine Paul and Amy Chamberlin who, in Cady's words, "really stepped it up for us in the first outing to anchor an exceptional team effort." The Hornets gave up all six runs of game two in the first two innings but crept back into the contest with one run in all but two frames.

"We contained them after making a couple of mistakes early on. We kept with them the whole time and I was very encouraged by the effort," Cady said. The Hornets wrapped up their regular season at Middlebury College on April 29th before starting the Mayflower Conference tournament on Friday April 30th when they host third-seeded Green Mountain College.

LSC Men's Tennis Narrowly Defeated by Norwich Cadets

By Ed Dean

The Lyndon State College men's tennis team battled the Norwich University Cadets on the Hornets' home court April 15 and were downed in a hard-fought contest, 5-4.

The Hornets' Ben Lisai and Tony Weeks won their singles matches, but the LSC Netmen trailed 4-2 as the double matches got underway. The dynamic duo of Weeks and Sean Brady struck a powerful one-two punch for LSC as they won in straight sets. Meanwhile, on the far side of the courts, Lisai and Joe Coughlin wore down their number two doubles opponents to notch a three-set win to even the team competition at four all.

The deciding match went to the Cadets in a 6-4, 7-5 thriller.

1. Cassie Hartman (N) def. Sean Brady (LSC), 6-4, 6-7, 7-5

2. Tony Weeks (LSC) def. Colin Woods (N), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3

3. Ben Lisai (LSC) def. Brain Lionbarger (N), 6-0, 6-2

4. John Holme (N) def. Joe Coughlin (LSC), 7-5, 2-6, 6-1 5. Cooper Steele (N) def. Tony

Petronio (LSC), 6-1, 6-1

6. Kim Byung (N) def. Mike Davis (LSC), 6-4, 6-0

Doubles

1. Brady-Weeks (LSC) def. Hartman-Woods (N), 7-6, 6-1

2. Lisai-Coughlin (LSC) def. Steele-Derek Ryane (N), 6-4, 4-6,

3. Lionbarger-Byung (N) def. Petronio-Davis (LSC), 6-4, 7-5





LSC Men's tennis bounces back into action

By Ed Dean

The 1999 Lyndon State College men's tennis team has been swinging into action this season and already has played in several matches. The Hornet Netmen enjoy a proud tradition of winning tennis that includes national championships in 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1994. LSC tennis coach Dudley Bell said that the team hopes to win the Mayflower Conference Championship, scheduled to be played this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the home court of the Hornets' arch-rivals, Johnson State College.

Four veteran players will lead the LSC men's tennis team this season in their quest for championship glory: Tony Weeks (cocaptain), Sean Brady (co-captain), and LSC juniors Ben Lisai and Joe

The unpredictable, capricious spring weather has already rained out several meets for what is a short three-week season for the LSC tennis team. Coach Bell noted that it will be a tough season for the Hornets. "Johnson State has the toughest team they've ever

had. Castleton remains strongthey're the defending Regional champs. This year everyone seems to be tough," said Bell.

Filling out the remainder of the Hornets tennis team roster are Brad Wiiliams, Jeff Payson, Tony Petronio and manager Chrissy Houghton. Coach Bell expects that Saturday's Mayflower Conference Meet at Johnson State will represent the pinnacle of the Hornets season, since Philadelphia Pharmaceutical College has been recruiting heavily and is expected to dominate just about everyone.

> 1999 LSC Men's Tennis Schedule (games still to be played)

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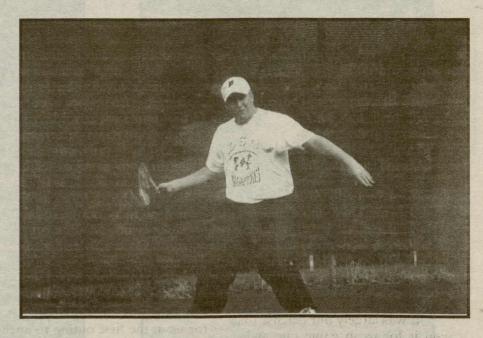
4/27 @ Castleton State, 3:30

4/29 Plymouth State, 3:30

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row: Coach Dudley Bell, Brad Williams, Joe Coughlin, Jeff Payson, Ben Lisai, Tony Petronio, and manager Chrissy Houghton.



LSC Baseball Sweeps Castleton State

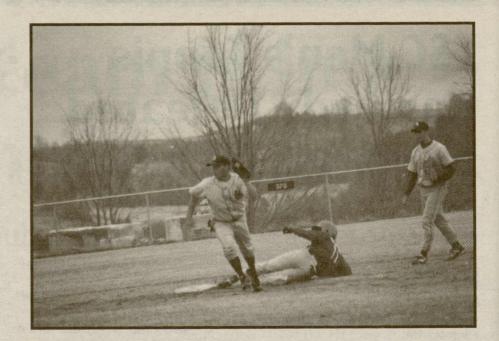
By Ed Dean

Jason Grimes pitched a one-hit shutout in game one and Tom Nutting hammered a grand-slam home run in the top of the seventh in Lyndon State College's second outing as the Hornets picked up consecutive wins.

Nutting went 4-for-7 with six RBI's over the course of the twin-

bill while Corey Line recorded four hits and two RBI's in the winning efforts. Nutting also picked up the win from the mound in game two by virtue of his own offensive heroics.

Ryan Farley, finished the day with two doubles while Shawn Clough hit a double and Dave Sweet blasted a home run for the Hornets.



Hornets softball capture the Mayflower title

By Ed Dean

For the second year in a row, the Lyndon State College women's softball team has proven itself to be the best in the Mayflower Conference

By ousting third-seeded Green Mountain College 8-7 in the semifinal round, and besting fourthseeded Johnson, who upset topseeded Castleton in the title game, LSC won the championship title.

The only unfinished business now facing the champs is the sixteam Northeastern Regional Tournament of Conference Champions, which will take place May 10th.

After splitting their regular season match-ups with Green Mountain College (1-1), the second-seeded Hornets held on for their win by virtue of a two-run sixth inning which offset Green Mountain's late game surge.

Jen Craft pitched LSC into the finals while Corey Brailey's 4-for-4 batting performance with two runs anchored the Hornet's offense.

Lyndon State College softball coach Tammi Cady said of the semi-final, "We came out and really looked nervous for the first couple of innings. We got our focus together, though, and really laid the ground work in which we played some of our best softball."

Heidi Fortin and Craft both tallied two important hits in game one and scored once each. Fortin recorded the game's only extra base hit with a triple.

In the other semi-final game, Johnson surprised everyone with their upset of top-seeded Castleton. This was bad for Castleton but advantageous to the Hornets, who had swept Johnson in both of their regular season contests. "The best games of the day were in the semi-finals. Everyone was playing at the top of their game," Cady commented.

In the championship title game, Kathleen Keating gave up just three hits while LSC rapped out nine of their own and shut out the Badgers, 7-0.

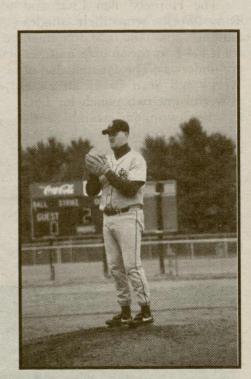
Allison Chase paced the

offense in game two for LSC with a double, a single, a run scored, and two RBI's. Craft continued to assail from the plate as well as she connected for two hits and scored twice

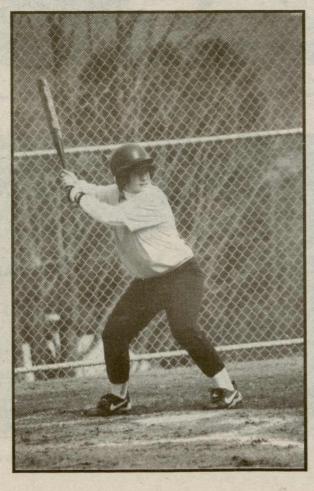
Fortin produced one each of hits, RBI's, and runs scored while Jill Gilardi's single drove in a run in the fourth.

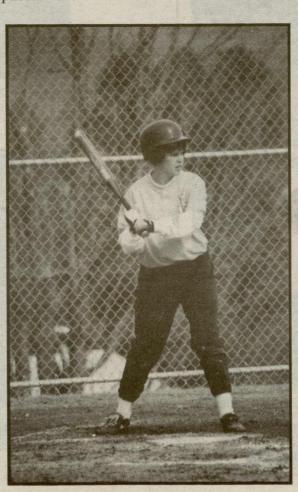
Of the tournament Cady explained, "We played will enough all day to deserve the championship. Our level of effectiveness in the field, from the plate and on the mound enabled us to beat both of the teams that we faced. I think that we will represent the Mayflower Conference well in the Regionals."

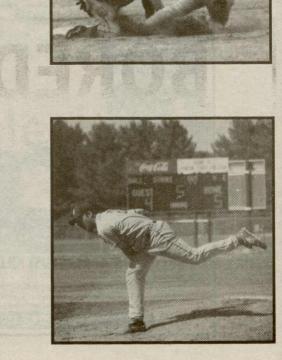
The LSC softball team will travel to Philadelphia on May 10th for the three-day Northeastern Tournament. They will face six other conference champions from throughout the Northeastern United States.











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A weekend at the big apple for Zapf

By Dana Gravelle

April, 16th, 17th, and 18th was a weekend of art and culture for fifteen graphic design and photography students from LSC. Sponsored by "Zapf Dingbats" a student organization for people who need a large dose of inspiration to fuel their creative drive, this trip proved to be a much needed venture. This was the second of such trips in as many years for the Dingbats, and according to the club president, 18.43% more fun, and efficient than last years. The main purpose of the trip was to experience the splendor and diversity of big city life, which cannot be observed within the confines of Northeast Kingdom Vermont. Although art was a primary objective for the students, the result was a good experience for all.

The students tried their hardest

to make the best of their three days in the city, which included, galleries, museums, fine dining, NYC nightlife, and an abundance of traveling. On foot, via subway, train, and car, these were students that really got around.

At the Metropolitan Museum of Art, there was more "stuff" that can be discussed in your average decade, but the museum featured anything from early egyptian structures, to twentieth century masterpieces, and also included an exhibit of the prolific artist picasso's works in pottery.

Some of the up-town galleries gave the anxious students a gander at contemporary works, for a taste of what to expect from their modern American peers. These exhibits contained astonishing realistic depictions, as well as some abstract photography and sculpture. New York City is a perfect

place for getting a idea of the direction our contemporaries are moving

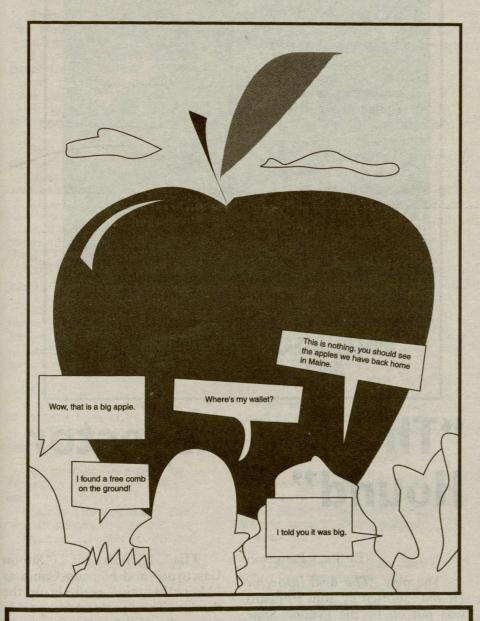
The Museum of Modern Art, which houses some of the greatest works in history like Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night" and Salvadore Dali's "Persistence of Memory", (just to scratch the surface), as well as many more contemporary works like a "baseball glove-chair".

The Guggenheim, a work of art in itself, designed by the renown architect Frank Lloyd Wright, and contained a special exhibit of Picasso's "The War Years" including many of his well known portraits and studies which were more vivid on an up-close basis than could ever be realized from a picture in a book perspective

The students rested their weary, blistered feet at an interna-

tional youth hostel located on 103rd street and Amsterdam, though some could not stand still for a minute surrounded by the lights and sounds of the New York City night, and embarked on creative explorations of their own.

Overall the trip was a huge success. Most participants managed to tucker themselves out for the beginning of the next school week, but the sacrifice was for a educational experience that could never be learned in a classroom. Although I have no direct quotes from the Yokels that found themselves amongst millions of people in a foreign land, I can improvise with a few commentaries that you might imagine hearing, like "Gosh.", "Geezum Crow!", "I refuse to believe that's a man", and "Golly", although these could all be summed up with "wow." at the terrific weekend.



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"WHEN THE FOLKS IN ROOM 420 REALIZED THAT WHAT THEY WERE SMOKING BEFORE, SIMPLY WASN'T POTENT ENOUGH.

At the Catamount **Arts Center:**

By Sara LaCasse

"Voyage to the Beginning of the World" and "The General" Described as "a film of great wisdom and immense cumulative power" by the Toronto Film Festival, "Voyage to the Beginning of the World", showcases what is said to be Italian actor Marcello Mastroianni's finest performance. Set in the Portuguese country side, Mastroianni's character returns to his homeland to meet an aunt he's never met and relive the childhood memories he can not forget. These memories spark a revelation Mastroianni's character about the homeland he grew up in, and how it has changed since his childhood.

"The General" starring Jon Voight, Martia Doyle Kennedy, Angeline Ball and Brendan Gleeson, is a story of Martin Cahill, (played by Gleeson), a notorious Dublin gangster who masterminded a series of robberies that stunned Ireland in the 1980's. He became somewhat of a legend, having stolen over 60 million dollars, and siring children by his wife (Kennedy) and her sister (Bell) before his death in 1994. "The General" plays at the Catamount, April 30 through May 6. Showtimes are Saturday at 7 and 9 p.m., Sunday through Friday at 7 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 in the afternoon.

A Look at Angry Salad.

By Sara LaCasse

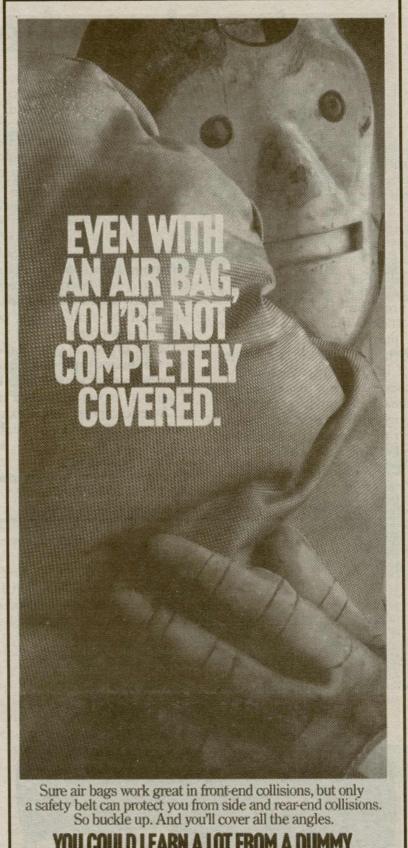
April brought the major label debut of "Angry Salad", by the band that bares the same time. April brought Angry Salad to the LSC campus, to promote their latest album and their current single

"The Milkshake Song".

Having formed in 1991,
Angry Salad released two albums over the next couple of years, which were met with critical acclaim by college radio stations nationwide. They toured relentlessly to support their fledgling projects, opening up for such acts as Better Than Ezra, Live and the Goo Goo Dolls, to name a few.

In 1998, Angry Salad's determination paid off when they were signed by Blackbird/Sire records, and after working out the glitches found in any contract, went to A&M Studios to polish up their first major label album, which was mixed by engineer Tom Lord-Alge who coincidentally, mixed albums for the bands that Angry Salad spent their earlier days sharing a stage with.

Angry Salad met with enthusiastic fans. Students were surprised when they received free tee-shirts courtesy of Frank Doldo. After the concert Angry Salad stayed and chatted with the LSC students and signed autographs.



YOU COULD LEARN A LOT FROM A DUMMY.

"The Real Inspector Hound"

By Stacy Patterson

The play "The Real Inspector Hound" written by Tom Stoppard was put on by the Lyndon State College Twilight Players. It was held last weekend in the theater.

This is probably one of the shortest plays I have ever seen (about an hour). It is also probably one of the best plays I have ever

Jason Scherer as "Moon" played the lead in the play and did a good job. His interpretation of the play helped the audience understand and experience the play. Joel Berry as "Birdboot" was the perfect match for Jason Scherer's character. They interacted well with each other and really made the audience feel comfort-

Elia Nichols as "Simon Gascoyne" and Newton Camp as "Major Magnus" really lit up the theater. Their performances made the audience laugh and brought the play to life.

Without a doubt, the show stopper of the play was Jeremy O'Neil as "Inspector Hound." He made the audience laugh with his physical comedy and lit the whole stage up. He stole the show with his ability to make the audience laugh while helping them to understand the play.

"The Real Inspector Hound" was one of the better plays that LSC has put on in a while. I found it amusing and enjoyed myself

immensely.



By Jason Hatch

Mountain Dew Man is also on the web (barely). Catch all the past installments, an material editted out of The Critic at geocities.com/collegepark/loun ge/2398.

"Mark," Kate's voice rang through the student center. He snapped his head around and smiled. "Hi."

"Have a seat."

Walking over to Kate, he joined her at her booth. She smiled

at him as she looked up from her bottle of Surge. Taking a big swallow, Kate noticed the grimace as he watched her. "What's up?" he asked.

"What's up?" he asked.

"I just heard from one of my sources that someone broke into the chemistry storeroom last night and stole a big jar of

pure caffeine."
"Caffeine?"

"They're blaming Mountain Dew Man, figuring it to be a new weapon."

"I thought it would be these guys." He pointed into the snack bar, "trying to make that stuff more useful."

"Surge? The stuff's not that bad. Have you actually tried it?"

"Well, no, I've been putting it off."

"Here." She pushed the bottle over to him. Looking it over skeptically, he glanced into Kate's watchful eyes. Mark

tilted his head back and took a big swallow. "It's not that bad."

Kate smiled and leaned forward.

Jim entered the student center, where he was meeting Mark for

lunch. His heart stopped when he looked across the room.

President Jones passed the jar of caffeine back and

forth between his hands as he spoke with Nomad, "What's your plan?"

"We need to set a trap for Mountain Dew Man where we can

destroy him in public." The woman turned to look out the window onto the snowbound inner campus. She snarled in

disgust at a group of students sledding down a hill. "If we hold a dance, I can set a trap with a number of SB units

there to destroy him."
"I have no money budgeted for dances."

"I do, and I can provide the DJ, too."

"I think she likes me," Mark said that evening.

"What makes you think that?" Jim said, flipping his

grilled cheese sandwich over.

"We talked for over an hour
about nothing. I think I'm going
to ask her out tomorrow." He
opened the refrigerator and took
out a can. "What the hell's
this?"

Jim spun around to see a can of caffeine-free Mountain Dew shoved in his face. "Oops." "What do you mean, oops.

This stuff has a certain usefulness: people who can't have caffeine. Wait a minute. Was this stuff on sale?"
"Yeah." Jim said.

"Someone ripped off pure caffeine last night from the chem lab. You didn't-" Mark start-

"No. All Pepsi was on sale. I didn't get the stuff on

purpose, and I sure as hell didn't steal from the school." "They're accusing us of stealing it."

"No, they're accusing Mountain Dew Man." "He's us." m

"Some Mountain Dew Man, in the snack bar, sucking back a Surge today."

"Hey, it was for business." Mark defended.

Mark defended "Pleasure."

"Both."

"Irrelevant. If anyone knew, all power Mountain Dew Man

has would be gone." Jim said.
"What power? We wear a stupid looking costume made out of
tin cans."

"The suit doesn't matter; it's what it means."

"It means we're obsessed with

"It means we're obsessed with a damn soda."

"It's more than that, and you

"It's more than that, and you know it. I feel like I'm talking to a wall." Jim sighed.

Kate was climbing the walls of the Editor office trying to decide what to do, break the story or not. I guess I'll sit on it awhile, she decided.

"Come on, don't quit," Jim pleaded.

"Nope, sorry, Mountain Dew Man is history." Mark walked away.

"They did what?" Kate half yelled into the phone.

"The SB's stopped someone from bringing Pepsi into the dorms.

Rez life won't talk about it, either."

"Thanks, I assume you don't want me to use your name."

"Damn right, I don't want Nomad after me." The student hung

up, leaving Kate with a dead receiver. Four days, she thought. There'd been five inci-

dents in the dorms with the SB's limiting and sometimes stopping students' usage of Pepsi products. Kate had the official statement from Rez life that

something in the SB's progamming was malfunctioning. It wasn't enough to remove the robots. The RA's had passed around fliers about this issue, telling students to have no

more than one two liter, one bottle, or one six pack of Pepsi product, then the SB's wouldn't harass them.

The tally was not good, five known instances and no Mountain

Dew Man appearances.

Dammit, she concluded.

"I'm making the dance a costume party. If Mountain Dew Man is

daring enough, he will arrive in full costume. I have two SB units ready and programed to go after him and one more standing by as backup."

"Excellent, Ms. Nomad." Jones swiveled around in his chair to

What does she have up her sleeve? Kate thought as she flipped

place a phone call.

the poster back and forth in her hands. A costume party in February. She must be-Kate dropped the flier and aimed for a telephone.

The phone rang; neither Mark nor Jim moved to get it. At the forth ring, the answering machine picked it up. "Mark, Jim, this is Kate. It's been awhile since we've talked, but I need you guys to do me a huge

favor. Nomad and Jones have a dance scheduled for Friday, a costume dance in the middle of the

dance in the middle of the
winter. It looks like they're
trying to flush Mountain Dew
Man out. If you two have
time, can you make a couple
costumes and come. I'm trying
to get a bunch of people to
dress up like MDM to run
interference for the real
Mountain

Dew Man. Call me to let me know, thanks, 'bye."

Mark and Jim looked at each

other.

Kate checked another name off her list, leaving just two left. She sat back in her chair, twirling a pencil back and forth in her hand. Well, she thought, if no one else will take action, then I will. Kate rarely drove her car, but

by some miracle, it started

without needing a jump. She read off the directions, written down weeks before and found the house quickly. Their apartment was on the third floor. She rang the bell and waited until Mark came down. "Kate, good to see you."

"We need to talk. Is Jim nere?" "Yes."

to the living room. "Sit," she commanded to Mark. "What is it, Kate?" Jim asked. "I know who you are."

"Good." Mark led her upstairs

"Who am I?" Jim said.
"Not just you, both of you.
You're Mountain Dew Man.
I've known for a couple weeks

but haven't bothered to tell you."
"It doesn't matter much, Dew

Man's history," Mark said.
"No, I won't accept that. I
don't care what happened
between

you, the school needs MDM."
"Or is it you who needs him,
Kate?" Jim accused.

Kate?" Jim accused.

"Don't flatter yourselves. I support you one hundred percent, as I support all positive anti-administration

activities, and that's it. I need you to go to the dance, so we can uncover Nomad's plan."
"Which is?" Mark asked.
"I don't know: that's why I

"I don't know; that's why I need you, one of you, anyway to go. Whatever petty differences you have, get over them.

If you haven't killed each other yet, you probably won't. I am going to be at that dance with eight Mountain Dew Man clones being harassed by SB units or worse. Some support by the genuine article would be appreciated."

Mark and Jim looked at Kate, then each other. "Conference, bedroom." The pair left and returned a few minutes later.

"On one condition," Mark said.
"Yes."
"You become our sidekick."

"Sidekick?"
"Something along the lines of

Pepsi Chick." Jim grinned.

"Yeah, she'd have the tops of two two-liters cut out and tied together-" Mark gestured

where they'd go.

"Mark, come over here." Kate
asked.

He walked over to within range and was promptly slugged, "Ow"

"No sidekick," Kate said. "I'm a reporter, not a quip spewing freak who gets captured by the bad guys every

episode."
"It was worth a try," Mark shrugged.

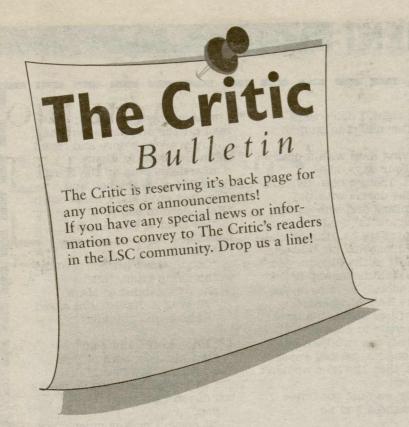
"Per the schedule, it's my day,"
Jim said. "You can be
Pepsi Chick that night." He

pointed at Mark.

"This I will pay money to see."

Kate grinned.

I know it's the end of the school year, but it's still not too late to... | OIN THE CRITIC!



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Wherefore art thou, Fine Arts Major?

If you wander across the pond, and into the Harvey Academic Center, you might notice that in addition to the array of coffee dispensers, there is also an art gallery. If trek through the hallways, you will observe a few of the original paintings adorning the walls. This building houses many of the art and music classes offered on campus, yet these hallways seem strangely empty. Rumor had it that a Fine Arts Major would be added to the repertoire here at LSC this fall. Where, then are all the majors? Where is the acapella ensemble? The improv group? The truth is, there are none, because the major has not yet been approved. The program is designed and ready to go, the faculties are in place, even the facilities have been upgraded. The LSC board has already approved the program, and now it is waiting approval from the Vermont State College Board. The issue was due to be voted on in time for the beginning of this fall semester, but was delayed. Now it is simply a matter of waiting and hoping for approval. The major is designed to be an interdisciplinary study

of art, theater and music. It would incorporate all three disciplines in order to allow students to study a variety of fine arts instead of focusing on one, as most other fine arts majors do. Professor Ken Langer, of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, pointed out that a fine arts major benefits everyone in the Lyndon community, not just the students in the major. By offering an assortment of classes in the arts, it gives other students, from meteorology to psychology majors, a chance to take an art class, or to study classical music. Offering Fine Arts as a major would also attract a new kind of student to Lyndon and add more diversification to the student body. If you want to support art in your life, and at LSC, you have to encourage the faculty and administration here to support this program and gain state approval..

Jennifer Manley

Sosa and McGwire: Old News But Still Good News

"The 1999-2000 NFL season is just a few weeks old, and it has already provided us with some exciting games thus far. Disappointingly, the two-time defending Super Bowl Champion Denver Broncos are 0-3 without the help of John Elway. "Baseball's pennant races are heating up. The Red Sox closed to within just a few games of the New York Yankees for the lead in the AL East division, while staying a few games ahead of the Oakland A's for the wild card lead. The Arizona Diamondbacks have grabbed their first playoff berth in franchise history, and the Atlanta Braves clinched the NL East title again. Oh, by the way, Sammy Sosa hit his 60th home run."

This was the attitude in a recent broadcast of ESPN's SportsCenter, the nationally recognized and popular sports news show. Sosa and Mark McGwire are again having historic individual seasons, but no one really seems to care. Last year's race for the home run record was the most exciting event in sports in years. Sosa and McGwire matched each other homer-for-homer all season long right down until the last weekend of the season, when Mac connected five times in the last three games to wrap up a historical 70-home run campaign. Sosa's 66 was just as impressive in a season in which he won the NL MVP award for the wild card Chicago Cubs. Neither has come back to earth since that magical season last year, as both have again equaled Maris' once-legendary mark of 61. But that very magic of yesteryear has begun going stale, in part because a repeat of those historic feats was expected before the 1999 season even began. It's sad when something so incredible becomes commonplace. Though Sosa and McGwire are not launching bombs at the same amazing pace as last year, 60 home runs is still an incredible accomplishment. The sad part is that fans and sportsmen are now taking these phenomenal power numbers for granted. Both players have only a few games left, so it's safe to

say that McGwire's record will stand for at least another year. But that takes nothing away from the seasons these two have put together once again. These men are in a league of their own in the home run department, both reaching totals that were untouchable for any man until last year; and Sosa and McGwire remain the only men to have gotten there. Out of thousands of players who have donned Major League uniforms in 130-plus big league seasons, only two have more than hit 61 home runs, and now it looks like they may do so twice.** However, the misfortune of playing for losing teams has put a dark overcast on this year's home run parade. At least last year, when McGwire overcame Sosa and ended up with the single-season home run record, Sosa got a worthy consolation prize in the league MVP award, plus a brief cameo in the postseason (his Cubs were swept in three games). But this year, neither one's team has had a noteworthy season. It's understandable that professional sports journalists such as those on ESPN do not want to devote too much attention to a pair of men who are not even playing for winning teams, but the fact is they are doing their parts. It isn't their fault that the other players on their teams aren't getting the job done. What these sluggers have done the past two years is nothing short of miraculous. What they have done has never been done before and may never be done again - well, not after they retire, anyway. So instead of taking for granted their awesome abilities, the nation should thank them for sparking new life into its oldest, most traditional pastime.

At press time, McGwire and Sosa both had 61 home runs. McGwire had five games left and Sosa had six.

Jamie Norton

Open letter to the first year students

This letter is to all the freshmen and anyone else who is looking for something more from their college experience. I'm extending an invitation to challenge your strength of character and develop your focus under the highest stress situations. No experience necessary. This is not just a job, it's not for everybody, it is a mission few can accept and fewer still can persevere. Grueling exposure to the elements, physical exertion, hazardous environments, structured and detailed objectives, all performed while keeping a detailed body of knowledge in the foremost of your thoughts.

Not only is this experience available to you, it's on your campus 365 days a year. I'm talking about Lyndon Rescue, an organization that was formed in 1972 in response to a tragic campus incident. LSC students managed, trained, and staffed rescue for twenty four years. A volunteer ambulance that serves your fellow students and the community at large (248 square miles of it). We want you to come ride along with us for a day, get to see what we're about. If you want to be one of the few rescuers on campus keeping the tradition alive, think about joining us in membership.

I addressed the first year students particularly because you have the most to gain. I speak from experience, I was a first year here at LSC in the late 80's and was able to be a part of the squad, four years later I was an EMT Crew chief / Driver. Now I have returned, ten years to the season, to assist in managing Lyndon Rescue. In a lot of ways it is like my freshman year again. So much has changed on campus; the people, the pool. What happened to library roof??? Most importantly where are the college rescuers? The camaraderie of training nights, the quiet self confident crew chiefs just back from a nasty car crash, or the red sweatshirts could all be a thing of the past.

If you got the salt to achieve success in the face of great adversity, or can sustain the clarity of thought demanded for administering treatment in the bedlam of a strangers tragedy, or the compassion to ease the suffering of someone's family member then I invite you to come down to rescue, call us at 626–1101, or stop by my table in the dining hall (I'm the one wearing the red sweatshirt) and talk to me or any of us about riding along and seeing what we do first hand. The memories will last a lifetime.

Jeremy O'Neil Class of `92

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Down OUT



uring one's senior year, every single person, whether they're an English major or an Underwater Basket Weaving major, suddenly develops math skills. Seniors are able to calculate, almost to the exact second, how much time remains until graduation. Hell, you could wake a senior up from a coma, and she or he would still be able to give you an accurate figure.

Reflecting on the fact that, as I write this, I have a mere 235 days, 14 hours, 19 minutes, and 23 seconds until I walk down the aisle / soccer field (depending on whether or not it rains), I realized that this is the last year a member of Generation X will graduate from college.

For those of you unbaptized in the pseudo socio-economic language of our days, Generation X claims those born between 1964 and 1977. I myself screamed and cried my way into this world right on the tail end, on Thanksgiving of 1977, and Generation Y wasn't too far off. Generation Y claims those born between 1978 and 1991.

Mere dates, of course, do not truly illustrate the vast gap between the two clans. Generation Y has sometimes been called the "computer generation", they have an affinty for platform heels greater than those who actually grew up during the 70's, and they know nothing of Styx and John Hinkley. To my fellow members of Generation X, here are some key things to know about the generation behind us, some things I think they missed out on:

- 1. Generation Y believes that Motley Crue's first album was "Dr. Feelgood"
- 2. Generation Y thinks that the Gulf War was such a tragedy because 14 people died in it
- 3. Few people in Generation Y remember where they were when the Berlin Wall fell, but they remember in minute detail where they were when O.J. Simpson was pronounced "not guilty".
- 4. Generation Y thinks that Pong is some weird variation on table tennis that involves beer, and Atari is the shorter name of a hard-core techno band.
- 5. And finally, Generation Y doesn't remember when smoking was an inexpensive way of killing yourself.

Sometimes, I do become a trifle sad about the vast gulf that one year creates between people. After all, ask these kids about a time before the Internet, and their brain goes into automatic shutdown mode. How quickly they forget that the Internet as we know it today has only really been around since 1994, and has only been truly popular since 1997, and that less than one-fifth of the country is actually wired into it.

I was talking with an underclassman the other day about great tragedies of the late 20th century, and I happened to mention the Challenger explosion. All I received in return was a blank stare. Granted, I remember that very clearly because Christa McCauluf taught in the school across town from mine, but it was still a turning point for the entire space program, and something I consider to be a major event in the past twenty years.

I think that what's been happening with the past few generations is an increasing lack of interest in history. It's understandable – history constitutes an ugly beast that really only reminds us we're a mere half-step above our monkey ancestors. But, as the cliche goes, if we do not know the mistakes of our past, we are doomed to repeat them.

How could someone who lived through the 1980's not remember things like leather spandex pants, and instead remember the times when dirty, ripped flannel was the "in" thing (and in this area, it still is for some people)? How could they not remember Chernobyl? Or when rap consisted of people like the Fat Boys and Sugarhill Gang? Or that the ideal family was represented by "The Cosby Show?" A time when it wasn't ok to be openly gay in the public eye, when Nine Inch Nails were something you bought at the hardware store for really thick wood and Yahoo was what you yelled on the roller coaster?

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that we need to return to those times; I don't exactly recall the 80's with fondness (I threw away my "jams" shorts and torn aerobic wear as soon as it was possible), or think that they were good times. But it's fascinating that Generation Y and Generation X have no idea where they've come from. Hence, we don't know where we're going.

Well, actually, I know where I'm going in 235 days, 13 hours, 51 minutes, and 41 seconds. To get my piece of paper to hang on the wall for all to see to prove that I'm learned good.

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Faculty Contract Negotiations Stall In Latest Round Of Talks

By Seth Osmun

The VSC Faculty Federation and The VSC Negotiating Committee have come to a standoff in negotiations over full-time faculty contracts. The two sides have so far been unable to reach an agreement on a variety of crucial issues, including class size, health and other benefits, and salaries. The main sticking point of the Faculty Federation, which is an affiliated AFL-CIO union, is that faculty within the Vermont State College system are not paid an equitable wage, and that in comparison with the average wage for the tri-state area and the nation, their pay is not realistically set.

This statement echoes the recent findings of a study done in August by The Chronicle of

Higher Education, which reported that Vermont ranks 48th in the U.S. in terms of college faculty salaries. The state average for 1997-1998 was \$37,650. Associate professors averaged \$30,925, full time professors \$44,495. Salaries averaged higher in neighboring states such as New Hampshire, which averaged \$47,845, and Massachusetts, which averaged \$55,353.

There were also noticeable differences even with in-state institutions. The University of Vermont paid professors on average \$58,733. Frustration at these statistics as well as other problems were evident at the latest

Federation meeting on Tuesday. Federation President Roy Vestrich discussed the latest rounds of talks, saying that the next set of negotiations would commence some time in October, with a VSC Grievance Officer and Negotiating Committee members in attendance.

Vestrich also discussed compensation for the differences in salary. He said that the Faculty Federation wants 24% compensation and pay, which reflects the regional average. A 4% compensation has already been budgeted as part of an overall resolution, which includes changes in a the current indemnity and health care plan, and a 5% wage increase, to go into effect next year. Also of concern was the affect other changes mentioned in the resolution might have on both faculty and students. He noted that class size might increase, and that as a result, teachers' office hours might be extended beyond the hours currently utilized by faculty, and that part of the picture was faculty development funding, the lack of which he said hinders important studies on faculty tenure. He accented this by pointing out that according to recent statistics, there are more administrators in the VSC system then there are professors. Vestrich added that this might be a reflection of recent problems with retention.

Vestrich concluded his remarks by saying that if negotiations continue at an impasse, the issue will likely go to the legislature, and said that they (the legislature and negotiators) should be out there fight-

ing for the faculty.

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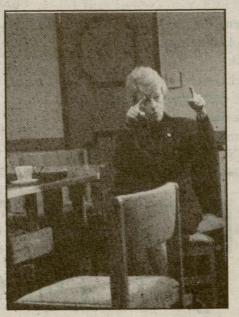
By Amanda McDermott

For A New Home

According to a recent article in the Caledonian Record (IT), St Jonsbury Middle School has been having "preliminary conversions" with LSC officials to rent space for next fall. While the middle school is under construction, Superintendent David Baker has been looking for a suitable temporary place where the students can be taught until their school is finished. All summer, the school board has been reviewing their options and trying to find a suitable setting for the students next fall.

From what Baker said, there really weren't any plans to rent

space at LSC; it was just an informal conversation with President Moore. He was quoted in the Caledonian Record (IT) as saying that the students would definitely be moving to LSC next fall, but Baker protests that the information they had was simply rumors. Baker believes that renting even some space at LSC is an idea that seemed most practical. "If it was a problem due to the number of students, we could split some of the students up and have the others somewhere else," said Baker. President Carol Moore, in a letter to the faculty, said that the school would not be able to honor the middle school's request due to the space constrictions here at LSC.



President Carol More, who was inagurated on September 24th.

New President Marks March Into New Millenium

By Jamie Norton

LSC celebrated its first baby steps into the new millennium by inaugurating Carol A. Moore as its 13th president on Friday, September 24. "What a time to be alive, what a time to be in higher learning, what a time to be at Lyndon State College," Dr. Peter T. Mitchell announced from his post on this "very special" afternoon."I am very honored to be standing where I am on this very special day at this very special institution, Moore said upon acceptance of her new duties and responsibilities. "I would like to extend my deep appreciation to all at Lyndon."

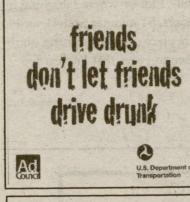
In a ceremony highlighted by music and song, dozens of scholars, students, friends, and family filled the Alexander Twilight Theater to observe as various community members and representatives paid tribute to Moore and welcomed her into the community.

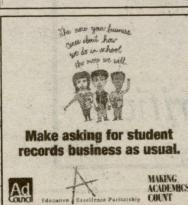
Among these people were Mitchell, a 15-year acquaintance of Moore who spoke of the rapidly changing educational and technological world and the role of a liberal arts college such at LSC in that world as the 21st century approaches.

"Those who study liberal arts truly are liberal people," Mitchell stated as he emphasized "education of the whole person. "Moore hopes to bring that kind of education to Lyndon State College. "Inauguration is really about the college," she explained. "It signals to everyone that this is a time of change." Moore has been involved in education for 30 years. She taught at a secondary education level in such places as Florida, California, and her hometown Kearney, New Jersey. She began education at the collegiate level as an assistant biology professor at Massasoit Community College in Massachusetts, and later served as dean of Lasell College in Newton, Mass. and then in Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Dr. Moore came to LSC when she was hired as president in 1998, but it was not made official until now."I'm sure everyone will appreciate her sincere and her straightforward approach," said Lawrence Donna, president of the Lyndon State College foundation. "Carol strategically matches

Lyndon's needs," said Cynthia Baldwin, the Chairperson of the Faculty Assembly and professor of Television Studies. In the 13 months since her election, Moore has helped LSC in devising a five-year strategic plan to prepare the college for the new millennium

"Inauguration is a symbolic punctuation that marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of a new chapter," Moore emphasized. "Lyndon is a dynamic institution prepared for our future, and today let us together begin our dream."





Watchful Eyes Monitor Grant Recipients

By Marina Cole

Are you going to class? If you are a grant recipient, you had better be, because Uncle Sam has his eye on you. According to Bruce Berryman, Acting Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, the federal government has decided all professors must maintain accurate attendance records to facilitate the reclamation of grant money should a student quit college. LSC is obligated through its acceptance of federal funding to follow this policy, or risk losing that support. Similarly, should the school decline to follow through, the government could choose not to provide federal grants to LSC students.

The attendance records will be used in the event that a grant student stops attending classes. Such students will be responsible for

repayment from their last date of class attendance. LSC does not plan to use the information for any other purposes, such as tracking awarded LSC grants.

Keep in mind that just because a professor is not actively calling roll, it doesn't mean she or he is not taking attendance. After the first few weeks, as professors learn students' names, they may stop taking formal role calls, though

they are still keeping attendance records. Some professors resent having to keep such close tabs on students. "You are all adults. I wish there were another way," said Dr. Lori Werdenshlag. But, as Berryman put it, "It's the federal law. We need to be able to state accurately when the students leave school."

Video Games Added to Student Center

By Michael Brindley

LSC received a large boost in the entertainment department when four video games were added to the student center on Sept. 15. According to Frank Doldo, the director of student life, the addition was prompted by students' requests. The video games were not purchased by the school, but were installed by the vending company. The school receives a percentage of the income.

The video games offer a variety of challenges. Daytona USA, a racing game, pits a player against a computer racer or another player. Not for the faint of heart, this game often comes down to the wire. Point Blank resorts to the "shoot 'em up" style of game play. WWF Superstars lets a player control such vintage wrestlers as Hulk Hogan, Andre the Giant, and even Slim Jim spokesman "Macho Man" Randy Savage. Mortal Kombat, well known for its controversial graphics, is a basic fighting game in which the fighters posses super-human qualities. According to Doldo, the response has been positive. "Students are excited about the quick response to their request." said Doldo. There have been some concerns about the noise, which were quickly addressed by letting the students turn off the machines when they are studying or watching television. Also installed were two change machines, which not only provide quarters for the video games, but also for laundry, pay

phones and vending machines.



Memorial Services To Be Held for LSC Student

On October 14th, a memorial service will be held for Jedidiah Zabrosky, 20, a junior and business major here at LSC. Jed died on August 17th with his father in a car accident in Grand Isle, Vermont. Jed was an active student on the LSC campus, and was involved in many clubs, such as the Entertainment Club, the GSA, and the Twilight Players. He worked for the Inter-Library

Loans department at the school library and also worked for Wal-Mart in Burlington, Vermont. He is survived by his mother and two brothers. Services will be held in the Twilight Theater, followed by a plaque dedication ceremony in front of the Wheelock dorm. A \$1,000 scholarship in his name is pending approval by the Student Association Government.



Jed enjoys lunch while on an Elementary Education field trip. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Everett

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The LSCGSA will be attending this event and will be providing transportation via a Lyndon Van. Everyone is welcome. All those who are interested should see Frank Doldo in the Student Activities Office to sign up! Deadline for sign up is

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LSC Family Weekend Comes Once Again

Friday, October 1st:

3.pm. - LSC cross country hosts the VSC State Championships

- comedian Paul Venier performs at the Alexander Twilight Theater

Saturday, October 2nd -"Novelty Day":

pm - men's soccer hosts Castleton State College at the soccer field

2 pm - the Literary Society hosts a student / faculty / alumni reading in the Student

6:30 pm - the

Twilight Players present the oneact "Made in Vermont Music Festival"

- swing dance lessons in the Stannard Gym

PM - swing dance in the Stannard Gym, with music by the High Times Band

Sunday, October 3rd:

Noon - women's soccer hosts Moss College of Pharmacy

2 pm - the Vermont Symphony Orchestra performs in the Twilight Theater

Toborg and Loseby Recieve Alumni Awards

Al Toborg and Paul Loseby, LSC professors who retired earlier this year, were presented with faculty recognition awards by LSC Alumni Council President Tom Pinsonneault at Homecoming Weekend's roll-call brunch on September 19.

Toborg, who taught history and German at LSC for 39 years, also recieved further recognition when Earl F. Daniels II and his wife Debi endowed a \$10,000 scholarship in Toborg's name. Daniels graduated in 1972. He referred to Toborg as his "academic advisor, mentor, and friend." This scholarship will be awarded to an LSC student showing academic excellence in the study of history or another social science.

Shelley Floyd Noyes nominated Loseby for the other faculty recognition award. Noyes called Loseby "a tremendous asset to the LSC community and to the business department." Loseby came to LSC after 27 years at IBM in Essex, and was named teacher of the year by the senior class in 1996. Noyes also cited Loseby's openess with students as one of his greatest assets.

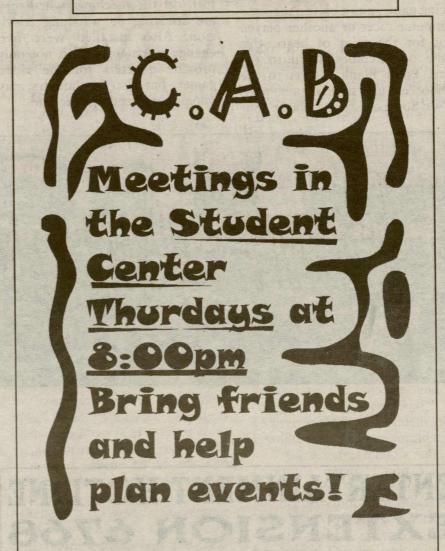
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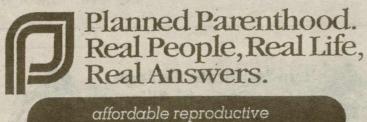
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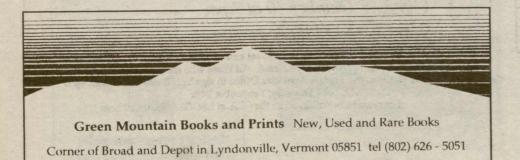
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Meteorologist Dr. Morris Weisman to Speak at LSC

By Stacy Patterson

Dr. Morris Weisman, a research scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, will be giving a talk titled: "Storm Chasing on the Great Plains," October 5th at 7 p.m. in the Burke

Mountain Room at Lyndon State College.

Weisman is a leading research scientist in the area of severe storms and an avid storm chaser. He received his Ph.D. at Penn. State and has published a number of papers on topics related to bow echoes, tornadoes, supercell thunderstorms and squall lines. Many of his research findings have been incorporated into forecasting techniques used by the National Weather Service.

Weisman was asked to visit LSC because of the interests of many of the meteorology students in severe weather. "He is a leading expert in the field of severe storms research," said Nolan Atkins, Assistant Professor of Meteorology

The New General Education Program

By Stacy Patterson

This fall brings about a major change at Lyndon State College with the reconstruction of the old General Education Program (GEP). The GEP is a series of courses that all students must take that is designed to assure that their educations remain well-rounded.

The GEP has gone through several modifications during the last few years. This year, LSC has decided to change the focus of the GEP to incorporate new theories of education. The new program is larger and is intended to help first year students in all aspects of college life, not just the academic, while the program also attempts to

accommodate non-traditional students. The new GEP is the result of a three-year effort between the faculty and administration.

Within the new GEP is a program called the General Education Unit (GEU). The GEU introduces incoming students to the "life of the mind," which is supposed to provide them with an opportunity to gain knowledge in different areas, such as the humanities, arts, natural sciences, and social sciences. The GEU requirements also include a set of elective credits that allow students to explore areas of interest outside their desired major.

The first section of this process is GEU 101, "Entering an Academic Community," which is

an adjustment course designed to assist freshmen with college life, culture, and expectations. Students are supposed to learn the history of the college and the surrounding community along with each other.

The students are also supposed to gain an immense understanding of their desired major when they take part in the two-day field trip.

The English department decided to send its students on other departments' field trips as journalists so they could learn how to become reporters and have great adventures in the process. Each student was assigned to a department and tagged along with that group on their field trip. They brought along their trusty

reporter's notebook and a handy little camera.

The goal of this was to let new students experience what it's like to be a reporter with deadlines.

Some departments went to a ghost town, hiked up Mt. Washington and Mt. Pisgah, took tours of WCAX, and went on a two-and-a-half day canoe trip, just to name a few. After the English students returned from their adventures, they had to write articles about their trips, which has been published in a small paper and distributed to the campus and surrounding community.

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Lyndon State College Fall Athletic Schedules

Men's Soccer

SAT. OCT. 2 - HOME vs. Castleton, 1 p.m.

WED. OCT. 6 - @ Green Mountain, 3:30 p.m.

SAT. OCT. 9 - @ St. Joseph's of Maine, 3 p.m.

SUN. OCT. 10 - @ Mass College of Pharmacy, 1 p.m.

SAT. OCT. 17 - @ Johnson, 11:30 p.m.

WED. OCT. 20 - HOME vs. College of St. Joseph (VT), 3 p.m.

SAT. OCT. 23 - @ Notre Dame, 10 a.m.

SUN. OCT. 24 - HOME vs. Atlantic Union, 2 p.m.

Women's Soccer

SUN. OCT. 3 - HOME vs. Mass College of Pharmacy, 12 p.m.

SAT. OCT. 16 - HOME - Alumni Game, Time TBA

TUES. OCT. 19 - HOME vs. Johnson, 3:30 p.m.

SAT. OCT. 23 - @ Notra Dame, 12 p.m.

WED. OCT. 27 - @ Castleton, 3 p.m.

Women's Tennis

SAT. OCT. 2 - @ Johnson, 12 p.m.

SUN. OCT. 3 - @ Green Mountain, 1 p.m.

SAT. OCT. 9 - Mayflower Tournament @ Green Mountain College,

Time TBA

Cross-Country

FRI OCT 1 - HOME - VSC State Championship, 3 p.m.

SAT OCT 9 - @ - Albany State Invitational, 11:15 a.m.

SAT OCT 16 - @ - St. Lawrence University Invitational, TBA

SAT OCT 23 - @ - Mayflower Conference Championship, 11 a.m.

SAT NOV 6 - @- Northeast Regional Championship, 11 a.m.

SAT NOV 20 - @ - NAIA National Championship, TBA

Hockey

SAT. OCT 23 - @ Dartmouth College, 2 p.m.

FRI OCT 29 - HOME vs. RI School of Design, 10 p.m.

SAT OCT 30 - HOME vs. Brandis University, 6:30 p.m.

FRI NOV 5 - HOME vs. Bridgewater State, 9:15 p.m.

SAT NOV 6 - HOME vs. US Coast Guard, 6:30 p.m.

FRI NOV 12 - HOME vs. Springfield College, 9:15 p.m.

SAT NOV 13 - @ Connecticut College, 8:45 p.m.

FRI DEC 3 - HOME vs. Franklin Pearce, 9:15 p.m.

SAT DEC 4 - @ Daniel Webster, 8:00 p.m.

FRI DEC 10 - HOME vs. Bates College, 9:15 p.m.

SAT JAN 15 - @ Bridegwater State, 9:15 p.m.

SUN JAN 16 - @ Bates College, 5:00 p.m.

SAT JAN 22 - @ US Coast Guard, 7:45 p.m.

FRI JAN 28 - HOME vs. Dartmouth College, 9:15 p.m.

MON JAN 31 - @ Franklin Pearce, 8:30 p.m.

FRI FEB 4 - HOME vs. Daniel Webster, 9:15 p.m.

SAT FEB 5 - @ Springfield College, 4:00 p.m.

FRI FEB 11 - HOME vs. Conneticut College, 9:15 p.m.

LSC Participates in Golf Tournament

By Stacy Patterson

The Lyndon State College athletic fund benefited from a golf tournament held at the St. Johnsbury Country Club Saturday, September 18th. This year's tournament was booked solid with a waiting list, and raised \$4,450, compared to last year's \$1,800.

Faculty, staff, their friends and family, and local business made up the 113 golfers who participated in this year's event, 64 of whom were alumni visiting during LSC's Homecoming Weekend. Littleton Chevrolet sponsored a hole-in-one contest, with a 2000 Buick Lesabre as a prize for anyone sinking a hole-in-one on 17. Frank Grover from Littleton, N.H., landed 3/4 of

an inch away from winning the car. Other sponsors included Costco, American Legion Post #58, Lincoln Inn, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Quality Motors, ARA-MARK, Wheeler Sports, Bradford Oil and Sullivan's Auto Supply.

The winning team this year was 10 under par - Steve White, Class of 1989, Weir Lundstedt, Class of 1986, Steve Dukette, and

Bob Dukette. Second place went to Rock Furbush, Class of 1996, Brodie Ingalls, Class of 1998, Tim Davidson, and Jamie Steward. Third place went to Jason Lachance, Class of 1999, Chris Canniff, Class of 1999, Dennis Canniff, and Steve Schultz.

Dan Quayle's Nightmare: Korn Family Values, The Sequel – A Nosebleeder's View

Jason Scherer

"the madman bum and angel beat in Time, unknown, yet putting down here what might be left to say in time come after death . . ."

- Allen Ginsberg

September 28th, 11:09 a.m. -In the west, the sky loomed, dark and cloudy, promising an oncoming storm. But to the south, the sun shone brightly, promising our 190 mile trip to see the Korn Family Values Tour at the Centrum in Worcester, Massachusetts would be a pleasant one. Brydon Stanley and I had bought our tickets a month ago, and even though I was sick enough to be expelling more mucus than any human body should, we were bound and determined to see the show. Korn wasn't on the tour this year; presumably, they were in the studio finishing up their new album, due out in early November. And DMX had cancelled, due to some kind of injury or sickness. Run DMC and Mobb Deep would take the slot.

4:30 p.m. - Outside Door 10 of the Centrum, we stood inside a sea of backwards baseball caps, dark makeup, body piercings, flared jeans, and sixteen year olds in Limp Bizkit tee-shirts. "Looks like a Gap commercial gone horribly wrong," Brydon said. To our right, an Internet company called Artist Direct Networks was daring people to do silly things for concert tickets and free gifts. One kid volunteered to lick chewed Skittles off the sidewalk for tickets.

Most people here seemed interested in only one band - Limp Bizkit. "That's who I'm definitely hear to see," said Kelly Rock, 18, of Revere Mass. "Same here," chimed in Lisa Lumsden, 24, of Peabody Mass. "I wish they had Korn this year, though," said Lumsden.

Both claimed to have been fans of the band since their inception. "I've been a fan since they came out a couple of years ago," said Rock. "I bet a lot of people here have only liked them since they put out 'Nookie.'." For those living under a rock recently, "Nookie' has been topping airplay charts all over the nation, becoming the band's crossover hit. "I love how they've started to incorporate more groove into their music, "said Rock. "Yeah, I think that's what they needed to do to get a bigger audience, especially since rap and metal are starting to become the same thing," said Lumsden.

They didn't understand the addition of Run DMC to the lineup. "They're from a different generation than ours," said Lumsden.

5:30 p.m. - The doors finally opened. Males and females were separated into two lines to be frisked. Members of Event Staff wore rubber gloves, which obviously has bad connotations for any

male. "Be gentle," I asked of the staff member. He obviously didn't have a sense of humor, and wasn't relishing the prospect of patting down 2,000 people.

In order to handle the 12,000 people coming to the show (which is the Centrum's maximum capacity for a concert), the Centrum employed over 400 staff people from various private companies. Jim Lavzon, 31, of Mattaposett Mass and a member of Event Staff, said that the number is always the same, regardless of the performer. "It should be O.K. They'll mosh and dance, and as long as they

formed. In front of the curtain, a "Family Values" sign that looked like the Tilt-a-Whirl sign at the circus blinked on and off.

6:15 p.m. - Stain'd, a hardcore band from Springfield, Mass, opened up the show. They'd hooked up with Limp Bizkit in 1997 for a few tour dates, and Fred Durst, Bizkit's lead singer, became so impressed with the band that he ended up producing Stain'd's new album.

A better band couldn't have been picked to get the crowd warmed up. Lead singer Aaron's Alice in Chains-like warbling keyboards making improved techno music.

At this point, the smell of marijuana, faint at first, assaulted my nostrils like an anti-democratic guerrilla in East Timor. Considering my nose was stuffed up from my cold, I'd hate to think how strong the smell really was.

Crystal Method started their set with "Can't You Trip Like I Do", a song they did with Filter for the "Spawn" movie soundtrack. A fancy light show and overuse of a smoke machine took the place of musicians performing for the crowd. The atmosphere created was one of a dance club, except it was a dance club with 10,000 people present and no one was dancing.

Their music was, to say the least, impressive; they would start with a simple backbeat, and then improvise, laying bass riffs and sound effects on top of the beat in intricate layers. The crowd didn't seem to know what to make of it, however; and as they raised the stakes until their music became an amazing cacophony as tightly woven and constructed as a medieval European cathedral, it seemed to fall on deaf ears.

7:45 p.m. - Three male African Americans, wearing matching orange jump suits, took the stage and began shouting almost every obscenity in the book as music videos played on the screen above the stage. Mobb Deep had arrived.

They seemed a throwback to the gangster rap days, talking about violence and women in derogatory ways with militant-style lyrics and long, deep bass. Their energy was high, and the pit felt the need to mosh even to them. Unfortunately, in the end, their music proved to be a house built with too many bricks from rap groups like Onyx and Wu-Tang Clan. Their music was too derivative and unoriginal to prove interesting.

8:15 p.m. - Run D.M.C, the self-proclaimed "Masters of Old-School Hip-Hop", proved that time hasn't done a thing to their astounding musical talent.

Jammaster J showcased his amazing abilities with a set of turntables on the improvised "We are Run D.M.C", as D.J. Run and D.M.C., decked out in their familiar Adidas gear and white sneakers built lyrics of self-praise on familiar party-hip-hop beats. The pit ate up every beat, clapping in time to Jammaster J's scratching. Even some people in the nosebleed section got out of their seats and danced.

And then the boys from Hollis showed just where bands like Limp Bizkit and Kid Rock come from, performing their groundbreaking remix of Aerosmith's classic "Walk This Way".

It turns out that the group will be putting out a new album in



don't fight, it should be O.K. Heck, I'd be willing to bet that the Allman Brothers crowd would present a bigger challenge that these kids.

The main concern is the safety of the crowd; there are many younger kids in the audience tonight who might get hurt down in the pit. When asked if the no smoking rule will be enforced, Lavzon smiles and laughs. "They pay to have their fun. We don't try to start trouble, we just try to stop it if it starts."

One of the odder sites in the crowd is the number of parents that came with their kids; one wonders if they know what they're in for.

We had "nosebleed seats", as Brydon dubbed them. We sat in the uppermost deck on the right side of the stage. Two other decks of seat spread below us, and then there was the pit, which was simply a large open area in front of the stage. One Event Staff member told me they'd handed out over 3500 wristbands for pitgoers, and that number could grow, depending on how many people jumped the railing during the show.

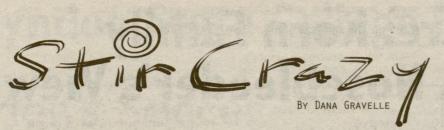
The stage itself was monstrous. It utilized a two-sided rotating floor to allow the next band to set up while the current one per-

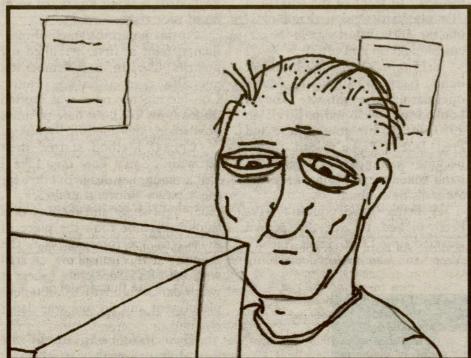
worked the crowd into a great moshing mood, and guitarist Mike Mushok played with a Jeff-Amentish intensity, hunched over his guitar like a victim of spinal curvature.

Stain'd clearly comes out of the New England hardcore / metal movement of the mid 90's, which was spearheaded by the immortal Sam Black Church. The blistering, angry guitar on "Spleen" got at least five mosh pits going, and the song's pure, raw energy overshadowed their intricate rhythm work on "Mud Shovel", the band's commercial hit. "You guys are the coolest! You make it feel great to be home!" Aaron told the crowd. The pit roared in agreement.

6:45 p.m. - In between bands, a short film called "Poop", produced by Fred Durst, educated the crowd about the growth of Limp Bizkit from an unknown to what is possibly the hottest band in America. Unfortunately, it was impossible to hear the film, because every time Durst came on screen or the name of the band was said, the teenie-boppers felt the need to scream.

7:00 p.m. - Crystal Method took the stage and proceeded to puzzle the crowd. Crystal Method is not a band; it's two men with a couple of mixing machines and





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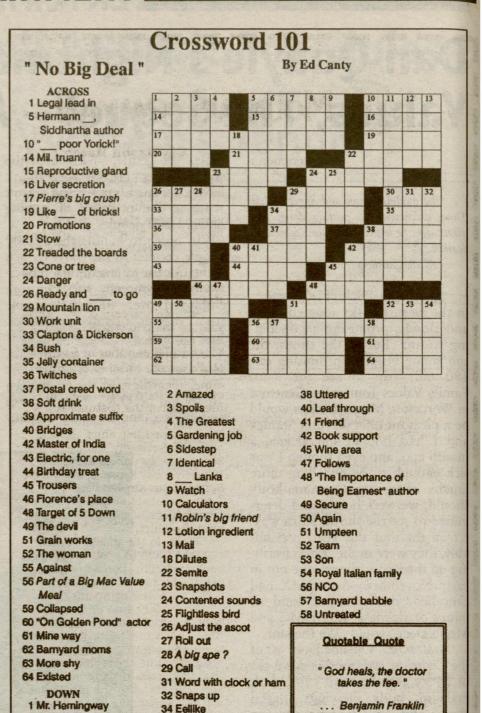
Thunder in the Theatre

Like a roll of thunder, the Taiko Drummers of Burlington pounded their way to a standing ovation Saturday, September 25th at LSC's Twilight Theatre. In front of an audience of nearly two hundred students, professors, and community members, the dozen men and women of the Taiko group delivered powerful, precise drumming combined with perfectly synchronized dancing and vocal accompaniment.

The Taiko drummers performed several pieces on large, kettle-like drums, as well as a song written by the group's leader and teacher, played from a sitting position on smaller drums. In a song used to eradicate evil spirits, a creature whose name was pronounced "chee chee" (portrayed by a drummer in a large hairy mask and a flowing garment) was chased through the audience by a man shaking manybells. Once back on stage, the spirit was subdued by a Japanese lullaby

The highlight of the show was a song in which each drummer was featured as a soloist. The individual solos ranged from restrained, confident rhythms to bold expressions of pure energy.

Taiko drumming has been a custom in Japan for thousands of years. It has been played as a part



of religious ceremonies, as court music, to accompany Japanese theatre, and is now recognized as a performing art.

Taiko is also part of a spiritual discipline utilizing focus and repetition as a form of meditation. Taiko novices may train for as long as seven years in a beginning class before they are ready to practice with the Taiko group, and it may be several more years before they are ready to perform with the group. Drummers prepare their bodies for such strenuous exercise by doing push-ups, sit-ups, and stretches.

The Sumthin' To Do List

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The story so far...

Mountain Dew Man was created by two students upset over their college's monopoly deal with Coca-Cola. These students, Jim and Mark, take turns portraying their caffeinated superhero against the college president, Jones and his lackey, Kelly Nomad. Nomad introduced "SB" units for the dorms and to automate the college's switchboard. With a so-called flaw in their programming, the SB robots restrict the amount of Pepsi products a student may have on campus. With the ever-vigilant support of the campus newspaper's editor, Kate Morgan, Jim and Mark attempt to restore freedom of choice in beverages to the campus. In an attempt to publicly humiliate Mountain Dew Man, president Jones and acting director of security, Nomad have prepared a mid-winter costume ball. Unable to coerce Kate into becoming their sidekick, Jim and Mark go as both Mountain Dew Man and Pepsi Chick, respectively.

Only a dozen or so students had shown up to the dance so far. Nomad looked at her watch impatiently; it was already ten minutes after the dance had started. Her eyes grew wide at the sight of soda can armor. He was the right height and build, even the water gun brand was right. "We have him," she whispered.

A pair of SB units raced from across the gymnasium to meet the newcomer. As he entered the room, another figure clad in soda can armor followed. With a wave of her hand, the SB's stopped their advance. In moments, eight Mountain Dew Men were in the room, milling about. Nomad spun and quickly strode from the

Kate met Jim and Mark outside the gym in the school's rotunda. Jim's Mountain Dew Man costume combined the original suit with the new militant costume's darker green. He explained to Kate, "I didn't want to appear too authentic.

Now, he's authentic." Kate commented in Mark's direction.

"Hey, I almost like the tights now." Mark said, gesturing to

By Jason Hatch Pepsi Chick's black tights. A blue mini-skirt and a black body suit made up the uniform. A PC logo rested under Mark's paired 2

bandana covered Mark's wig of long hair.

Don't try to pick up my date slash sidekick," Jim warned

liter tops. A blue, black, and red

"Wouldn't dream of it." Kate said as the trio started walking into the gym.

Just noticing Kate's costume, Mark asked, "Who exactly are you supposed to be?" Kate pulled down the four masks over her head to give the costume full effect. "Read," she commanded. They studied her shirt closely, okay, more closely than usual. and noted the labels across it: Nike, Reebok, Pepsi, Coke, Surge, Sprite, Mountain Dew, Asics, Adidas. Labels and emblems from dozens of companies covered the shirt.

"What do the masks mean?" "Do I have to spell it out for you? I'm Kelly Nomad, wearing many masks and being sponsored by many companies."

Oh-" Mark and Jim responded in confused understanding. Kate shook her head in exasperation and entered the gym.

A crowd of about fifty or so students were already milling about listening to the music but not dancing much. The ever-present SB's sat motionless across the gym, watching everything with mechanical precision. Across from the group of students and as menacing as the robots, stood a group of a dozen business-suit clad middle-aged men and women.

"Damn," Jim commented. "I didn't realize the college had so many deans.

Kate counted briefly to herself, "That's only about a third of them, too. Let's see, dean of students, computing, calculating, of woodworking, health services, dean of suckering hapless high school kids into coming here from a good state, dean of keeping students here, dean of begging for money from alumni, of putting the Band-Aid on the beheading the college gives you for the one to seven years of attendance, of clubs, of grounds keeping, of policy writing-

"Isn't he the one they got for drugs last year?" Jim asked.

Yeah, while driving a college vehicle, too. He had to take some time off, but that's all. They would've burned a student or faculty at the stake for that." Kate answered.

"Who's that one on the end? I don't think I've ever seen him before." Mark said, gesturing at the dean the furthest away. Kate stared at the especially dark suited and squinty-eyed man. "That's the dean of underhanded business and payoffs. He doesn't come out in daylight." Kate pondered that for a moment, then aimed herself for the man. She stuck her hand out at him, "I'm Kate Morgan, CIC of the Editor. I don't think we've ever met. '

'Assistant Dean of Administration, specializing in legal services, Ian Hutch, at your service." As Kate shook the man's hand, she noticed Jones's glare from across the gym.

Well, nice meeting you. I'm sure we'll bump into each other again." He nodded politely as she walked away.

With a glance each from Jones the group of deans started to break up. They scattered to the perimeter of the dance floor to watch the crowd.

Kelly Nomad came in and moved to the microphone. 'Wonder what she's dressed up as." Mark said none to quietly.

"A prostit-" Kate stopped as Nomad's glare reached her multi- masked face. The reporter blushed and shut up.

Nomad began her tirade, Welcome to the first annual winter costume fling. Later on we'll be having the costume contest for the best and most original costume. Sign up for the drawings and have yourselves a mocktail. Enjoy the music."

After the briefest applause allowed by law, the music started. The disco beat filled the room as the sound of the Bee Gees blasted from the speakers. As equal numbers of students started dancing and leaving, Mark, Jim, an Kate made their way to the table with the mocktails and

They want the names of everyone here," Mark commented at the drawing.

Kate nodded as she asked the volunteer manning the fake bar what was served.

Well, we have screwdrivers, white Russians-"

"OJ and milk?" Jim asked.

"Ugh, yeah." "That's lame," Kate decided, and she walked off.

"There are nine of them?" President Jones asked angrily.

Nomad put her hands on her hips. "Someone, my guess is Kate Morgan, arranged this. The real Mountain Dew Man might not even be here, but I feel that he is. We need to get an SB to sniff him out. Get-" Nomad stopped short at the approaching student. The date of one of the Mountain Dew Men stopped a few feet from the college presi-

"May I have this dance," Pepsi Chick asked in an excessively high-pitched voice.

President Jones looked down at the sidekick, chest first, then snarled a barely noticeable response before storming away. The trio shared a good laugh as they joined the dancers.

"Pepsi Chick?" Nomad glowered. "That sounds too ambitious for anybody at this college to come up with for this dance.'

"Perhaps-" The flushed Jones

"SB's ten and eleven, destroy them." Nomad ordered to thin air. The two silent monstrosities leapt from the walls of the gym racing for the middle of the group of students. Someone screamed, stopping the dancing. The music continued to play as the robots pushed the crowd aside, aiming for Jim and Mark.

"I will protect you," the booming and all too familiar voice of George Peterson said. He was a huge student dressed in full camo and carried a toy machine gun. To use a math term, brains were inversely proportional to mass in George's case. Hoisting the undersized machine gun to his shoulder, he beganfiring, muttering obscenities and racial slurs the entire

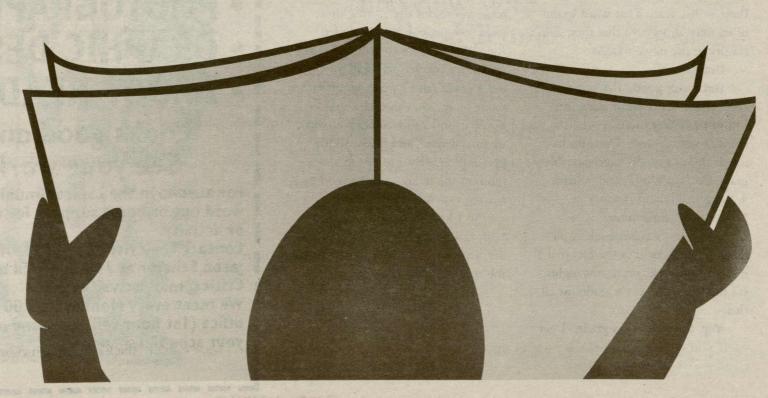
With a casual motion, SB10 extended an arm and threw George's massive bulk to the

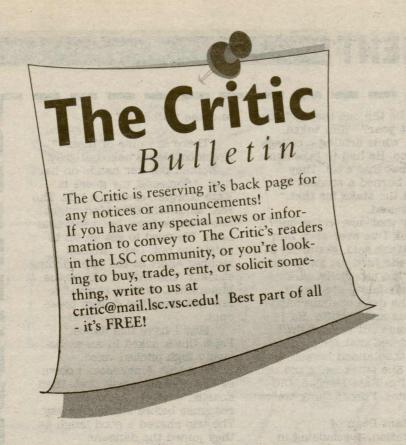
The other Mountain Dew Men took advantage of the diversion and moved to form a knot of bodies around the genuine superhero. "United we stand."

"Together, you die, " Nomad muttered from a safe distance. She smiled as Jones's head snapped around to stare at her.

The complete Mountain Dew Man can be found on the internet at www. geocities.com/mtdewman.geo

Wise man say, "He who read Critic be enlightened and talk good American!"





"Korn Family Values" continued

November, featuring Eminem, Limp Bizkit, Kid Rock, Nas, and Old Dirty Bastard. But since Mobb Deep and Run D.M.C. had to split DMX's slot; their set proved all too short at twenty minutes, and the crowd roared for more at their exit, apparently unaware that the group was from "a dif-

8:50 p.m. - With the first show of special effects, Filter took the stage with a blast of flame and a scream from lead singer Richard Patrick. An exodus of fans from the lower deck to the pit took place, as the event staff desperately tried to stop them from jumping the rail. The efforts proved futile, however, and the pit swelled to over 4,000 people. At this point, the arena had finally filled, and it seemed not a single seat was available anywhere.

Patrick set the tone for the rest of the evening when he told the crowd, "We're here for three things - to smoke pot, to drink beer, and play some f---- rock and roll for you!" Indeed, the smell of pot had grown even more effervescent, and the beer was flowing freely in the crowd, which was suprising, since a bottle of Budweiser cost four dollars.

Patrick, unfortunately, suffered from a serious case of rockstaritis, performing as a separate entity from the rest of the band. His movements were forced and silly, as opposed to natural expression of emotions, and seemed more interested in looking like a rock star instead of playing good

The rest of the band tried to make up for Patrick's showboating, but their efforts proved futile, and the beauty of their sub-pop was ruined. Halfway through Filter's set, I had personally seen at least five people removed from the building on stretchers. I asked an EMT at the first aid station how many people had been removed total. She wasn't sure,

Here comes the new boss...

You know the rest.

Maybe I'm a glutton for punishment. I was editor of the Lyndon Review last year. That was a brand of insanity all its own that they didn't classify in the newest DSM.

But this ...

But it's all good. I've got a great crew down here. Dana is a saint. I'm just a typing monkey when it comes to computers. Dana understands things I could never possibly grasp, like "ftp", "tif", and "Quark 4.0 Pagemaker and Baloney Sandwich Manufacturer."

But there is a drawback to all this, of course, besides the fact that I miss "South Park" on layout nights. It's the fact that I get a grade for all

Yup, that's right - a grade. I get

graded on making other people do their work.

Now. I know I have a fanclub somewhere out there. You know who you are, you poor, deluded souls. So I have a favor to ask you whenever you see the man giving me a grade (and I won't mention his name - but you should be able to figure it out), tell him what a wonderful, talented, and hardworking person I am. By any means, don't tell him the truth - I might end up getting expelled for bad work.

So I look forward to a good year, and I wish you all the best. It's sad that this is my last hurrah, so help me make it a fun one, ok?

Jason Scherer

because of the chaos of the situation, but it was "quite a lot".

Filter ended their set with their older hit "Hey Man Nice Shot", and proceeded with the obligatory destruction of their instruments, proving with a final, violent note that Filter is that rare band that's better on record than

in performance.

10:00 p.m. - Imagine 4,000 people moshing at once. Imagine 8,000 people in the seated sections jumping up and down in perfect unison and throwing their fists in the air. Imagine 12,000 people rapping lyrics in perfect unison. Then you're close to what it was like when Limp Bizkit took the stage.

"Show me how f---- crazy Massachusetts can get!" screamed Fred Durst, and so the moment the entire crowd had been waiting for began.

Bizkit didn't get where they are without reason; they play as men possessed by some kind of otherworldly demon, whirling about the stage in a frenzy and abusing their instruments in a way that borders on psychotic. But they also have a strange, impish kind of charisma; Durst wears a maniacal smile as he wanders the stage, knowing that with one word, he could cause twelve thousand people to riot. That's the kind of power Limp Bizkit holds over a crowd.

Their set looked like a parody Madonna's "Express Yourself" music video; large, gaudy gears and pistons, exhaust holes for blasts of fire, presumably from some blast furnace at the heart of the mock industrial plant, and a set of metal, evillooking stairs.

At one point, Fred asked that a neon poster a female fan in the crowd was holding be brought up on stage. Written on it in bold black marker was "Fred I'll give you head!" Fred laughed and proudly displayed the sign on the steps for the rest of the show.

For "No Sex", Durst asked that some "fine ladies" from the crowd be brought on stage. After being manhandled by the stage hands into their positions, they failed to realize the irony of the situation, and danced seductively towards Durst, ignoring Aaron from Stain'd, who came on to help with vocal duties.

Durst then had a security guard hoist him on his shoulders so he could go into the crowd to sing their goofy cover of George Michael's "Faith" and tribute to the Boston crowd, "Jump Around". Crowd surfers rode the sea of hands at their own peril; any who came anywhere near Durst were pratically thrown in the possosite direction by the brawny security guards. And, of course, Bizkit ended their show with an explosive "Nookie", allowing flashy pyrotechnics to emphasize the chorus. In the end, Bizkit delivered what everyone wanted hard, pumping grooves played with an energy that makes them what they are.

4:00 am - Finally, Brydon and I arrived back in St. Johsbury. We didn't say much on the ride back; our ears were ringing too badly to talk and actually hear

each other.9

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ccording to the U.N.'s "population clock", the six billionth person was born here on our tiny planet on Tuesday. The clock says that about 370,000 babies cry their way here every day, and in a Sarajevo hospital, Secretary General Kofi Annan honored Fatima Nevic as having had the six billionth baby.

Let's think about this for a moment - six billion people. That's twice as many potential McDonald's customers than there were in 1960, and one billion more possible Weekly World News subscribers than in 1988. Chinese officials claimed we would have hit six billion a long time ago, if thehadn't implemented their one-child policy twenty years ago, and if they hadn't massacred so many people in Tiannemen Square.

And you thought you spent a lot of time on hold with the insurance company before.

It's going to get longer. U.N. demographers claim that by 2050, the world population will be about nine billion, and analysts are worried that we just don't have enough room, resources, and food to take care of all these people.

So why this population explosion? It's weird - birth rates per woman in developing countries have dropped by half since 1969, from six to three, but we're still putting rabbits to shame. Some could blame it on the development of third world countries and a betterment of their lifestyles, allowing them to have more children. Of course, I tend to doubt the people of Ethiopia are sipping cognac quite yet. Conservatives may blame it on the "loosening" of morals since the sexual revolution of the sixties. I would say that the western world has always been "loose" - we were just never open about it until the mid-60's.

I think I know the major reason for this vast increase in population - the vast improvements made in cologne and perfume technol-

Let's be honest - the dominant eaude de toilettes before 1960 royally stank. I don't know anyone these days that likes the smell of Channel No. 5 or Old Spice. We can thank the people at Drakkar, Preferred Stock, and Calvin Klein for our current situation.

Think about it - when you smell something you like, you follow the smell until you find the source. If your mom makes your favorite food, you head for the kitchen, right? So when you get a whiff of some of these heavenly stenches cosmetic companies produce, you find the source - another man or woman, depending on your preferences. And when you found Mom in the kitchen, having a fresh baked tray of Tollhouse cookies, what

did you do?

It's bad enough cosmetic companies test their scents on little fluffy white bunny rabbits named George (which, considering our population growth, is not without its ironies). But they're the ones responsible for our population problems! And sports-gel deodorants and Altoids and Revlon no-smear lip liner aren't exactly helping, either.

The problem is we're making ourselves too attractive! Middle-aged men have discovered Rogaine and Eclipse convertibles, women have discovered Richard Simmons, and we all bow down to the god of CKOne.

So here's my solution to our population growth problems. First of all, let's line up cosmetic company employees against the wall and shoot them. Then ban the sale of any appearance-enhancing product. The third step in my masterful plan is to take everyone on the planet, with the exception of a select few (myself included of course), and make them ugly as hell. Break their nose, knock out a couple of teeth, roll them around in a manure pile for a couple of hours, maybe force-feed them Whoppers with cheese and a side order of onion rings to get them nice and plump whatever's necessary to make them look like a serf from England circa 1342.

But they key is this - we keep the small select group of beautiful people around and make them the standard of "beauty". How does this help? Well, if everyone is ugly, and has this impossible standard to live up to, then they'll have low self-esteem. It's no different that what society does today - except in this scenario, ugly people would not have the necessary products to elevate themselves to the level of "beautiful". If they have low-self esteem, then they'll feel unworthy of being with anyone, and hence, we now have a drastically reduced population growth rate. Instead of eliminating what I call the "shallow end" of the gene pool, I think we should make it a little larger with room for more swimmers.

I'd also like to propose a program of controlled inbreeding, which will make people ugly enough to brake mirrors, cameras, and give heart attacks to small dogs.

I think that wretchedness is a small price to pay to make sure that my kids will be fed instead of starving thanks to a food shortage because yet another poor person is Ethiopia qualifies for Red Cross relief. Bring on the ugliness, I say. Sure, I may never enjoy conjugal relations again because everyone around me will reek of armpit sweat, manure, and (if they can find of old bottles of it in some forgotten storage room) Channel No.5, making them vastly inferior to me, I find it a small price to pay to help my fellow man.

Negotiations continue with St. Johnsbury Middle School

By Amanda McDermott and Jason Scherer

Students at St. Johnsbury Middle School may be using LSC rooms next fall. There is still a lot of discussion going on between LSC and middle school officials. While the college has not agreed to do anything yet, officials are still trying to find out if LSC would be suitable or meet the standards for middle school children, such as making sure bathroom accommodations are appropriate for children.

According to Kerry Keenan, principal at St. Johnsbury Middle School, 286 students currently attend the institution, with 85 in grade six, 95 in grade 7, and 106 in grade 9. These students may become homeless once the \$10 million renovation and expansion of the Western Ave building begin. Construction is aimed at tripling the size of the current building and renovating the existing facility, along with adding improved services for students. Once construction is complete, the finished

building will house grades K through 8, consolidating the different elementary schools across St. Johnsbury. Keenan said voters approved the project last spring after repeated attempts in the early nineties failed due to concern by voters over the construction site, initially located in St. Johnsbury Center.

LSC President Carol Moore said that should the middle school students make their temporary home on college facilities, they would be monitored and will not have access to places they don't belong.

Students and faculty have raised many concerns over the possibility of middle school students at the college, such as worries about how the need to feed the students may effect the expediency of dining services for college students. Another concern is the possible clash due to age differences. One student said "I just got away from high school, and don't want to deal with little kids." Many other students have voiced similar opinions, saying they would not be impressed with sixth graders "run-

ning around". However, one student thinks it is a good idea, if it helps out the middle grade students and our school.

Tim Strum, Professor of Special Education and Co-chair of the Education Department said that LSC, specifically the Education Department, has a long-standing relationship with the St. Johnsbury school system, often sending students for their internships and student teaching

One student said "I just got away from high school, and don't want to deal with little kids"

components to the schools, but had several issues with the entire negotiation process. "I have some concerns with the way in which the college was informed that this was being considered." Strum said that most of the faculty and staff first learned of the negotiations through an article that appeared in the Caledonian Record and through tapings of town and school board meetings appearing on public access. "It would have been a little better if members of the community, including the students, had been told that this was being discussed. Even at the initial level, there should have been some information sent out to the community."

Strum also expressed concern about the appropriateness of the college's environment and facilities, and the effect of the middle school students on the college students. "How many students are they talking about? We don't know, we've been hearing different numbers. Students pay a great amount of money for the privilege of coming here, and to what extent will they be inconvenienced or denied access to their facilities? And this might not be the best place for twelve and thirteen yearolds to be," said Strum.

One possibility that has been discussed is bringing the grade six students here and having them use ACT as their facilities. Strum pointed out that ACT has air circulation problems and could represent a health hazard for middle school students, who would be spending long stretches of time there, as opposed to college students, who only spend about hour stretches in the room.

Moore said that she doesn't believe the presence of the middle school students would affect enrollment in the fall, and has also stated that she is very willing to hear the opinions of faculty, staff,

Update on security

By Shannon Griffin

This year, there have been very few confrontations with students, such as alcohol violations. The most pressing issue this semester has been some disturbing noise violations. According to Charles Lacaillade, Director of Security, noise violations are the most common problem, the majority of noise violations are occuring outside of the dorm rooms and buildings.

Also, according to Lacaillade, there has been a problem with break ins. Some students have been having issues with people breaking into their dorm rooms. It is unknown what, if anything, has been stolen. Campus security immediately reports these incidences to the state police, which then investigates from there.

Starting this week tickets will be issued to those vehicles that are illegally parked. Three mornings a week the lots will be patrolled. The parking lot in front of Vail is most popular, so commuters are advised to try the surrounding lots.

There are new faces in security this year. Some of the new officers are freshman and sophomore students. Lacaillade commented that it is common for students to start working for him to fulfill their probation requirements. Most of the time they like it enough to stay on until graduation.

There have notbeen any major problems or violations on campus so far this semester.

Enrollment figures for Fall '99

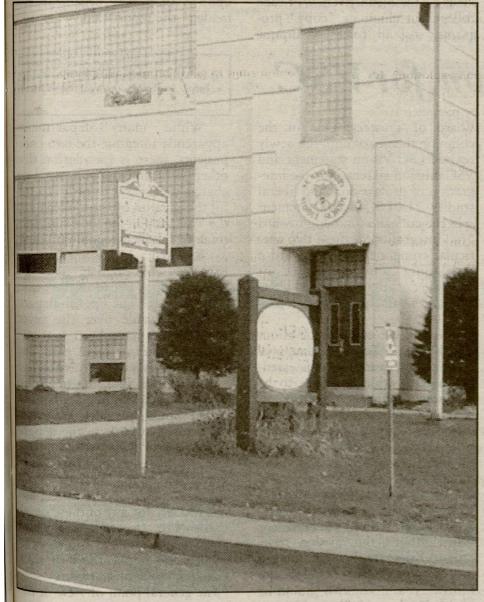
According to Anthony Lolli, Dean of Enrollment Managment and Student Affairs, the following figures reflect LSC enrollment as of October 1st, 1999, and are compared to figures from October 1st, 1998:

- 404 paid deposits for new undergraduates (9% ahead of the 371 budget target and 7% ahead of 378 last year).

- The LSC total enrollment for undergraduates is 1060 FTE (0.1% ahead of 1059 FTE on the same date last year).

- Residence Life: 480 residents (96% of 516 capacity, 5 ahead of the 475 budget target).

A final enrollment snapshot will be taken in mid-October. Shortly after that, reporting on figures for Spring 2000 will begin.



The Times, They Are A'Changing Part one of a series

Vast changes to VSC under review as reports accumulate

by Jason Scherer

Vermont State College system is currently considering making major changes in all areas in order to become more competitive with outside systems. In addition, the system is considering streamlining

its practices.

The Board of Trustees had several committees formed to examine the VSC's current state and attempt to discover why, in their opinion, the VSC was not performing at an optimum level. Some of the suggestions these committees proposed were a consolidation of leadership among the colleges, a restructuring of academic programs, and the seeking of alternate financial resources.

Finances became a major conof the committees. According to an article in the September 30 issue of the Rutland Herald, the VSC receives \$17 million from the legislature, which constitutes 19% of the VSC budget, the lowest such figure in the nation. While the legislature did vote to increase funding by seven percent last year, various committee reports felt that other sources of income still needed to be aggressively sought, such as grant funding.

Financial troubles have plagued the VSC for the past few years. Last year, LSC experienced an \$800,000 budget shortfall due to a lower enrollment than projected. This year, Johnson State College experienced a \$300,000 budget shortfall, attributed to having an enrollment 35 students short of its projected enrollment. According to the Burlington Free Press, this red tape was offset by not filling the positions of departing faculty and staff, which saved \$267,000, and by cutting \$75,000 through elimination of classes or having full-time faculty instead of adjuncts teach certain classes.

When Johnson decided to cut some program in order to make up for its budget woes, students caused an uproar, calling for forums, and student leaders passed around petitions asking the legislature to increase funding.

How the VSC is funded was not the only financial concern raised by the various committees. Full-time employees are not paid a salary comparable to the averages of other systems, though the value of benefits packages has not yet been truly determined, according to the Human Resources Planning Group's report. As of December 1 1998, the VSC employed 1,971 people, 996 of them fulltime. Among the fulltime employees, 273 (28%) are considered fulltime professors, and 394 (40%) are administrators. According to the report, there are often challenges in filling Dean and Director positions, and faculty searches don't always result in the appointment of first or second choice candidates because the VSC fails to compete nationally for qualified candidates. The report recommended a vast evaluation of

employee life.

On the student side of things, the Program / Organizational Work Group reported that of the 10,000 students attending the VSC, 50% can be considered nontraditional students, and 82% are Vermont residents. Keeping this in mind, the group recommended that several changes be made to the organizational and academic models of the VSC.

The group identified seven main problems:

1. Insufficient student-centered

operations 2. Diminution of distinctive programs, in that there is too much "copying" of programs between colleges, hence causing competition between the colleges.

3. Infrastructure and facilities of the system are not being proper-

4. No fostering of collaboration between colleges

5. Bad academic reputation

6. Too much undesirable competition created by the "copying" of programs

7. Enrollment not at optimum or maximum capacity.

The report then made a list of thirty recommendations for solving these problems, saying that what the group was really looking at was a change in the "culture" of the VSC, realizing that since the student body did not precisely fit the definition of a traditional student body, a new definition of the VSC was necessary.

The group said that credits don't always transfer easily, and what was needed was "the seamless transfer of general education requirements among the VSC" and "the maximization of transfer of higher education classes," citing that one problem in the past for students coming to any VSC school has been a minimal amount of transfer credits.

The group also wanted to focus on the distinctiveness of each college but eliminate "copy" programs, instead fostering unique

programs that would serve as selling points for each college.

Finally, the group considered different "models" in restructuring the colleges. "There is no consensus about the efficacy of these models," the report said, but went on to show some of the pros and cons of using 1, 2, 3, and 4 college models, including the present one. What some of these models would involve is elimination of the chancellor's office, combining Johnson, Castleton, and LSC into one system with one president, or combining all five colleges into one system with a president. "We hope that the 1, 2, or 3 college models would bring about the needed cultural changes," said the report. While other reports recommended holding off on any changes until a new model has been decided upon, the Program / Organizational Work Group disagreed. "It should be noted that this group urges the implementation of appropriate strategic and policy recommendations without delay as those recommendations are not dependent upon a particular organizational model," the report said.

If you'd like to learn more about the various reports and committees, check it out on the web at http://web.vsc.edu/vsc/fnews.html

A new mission for VSC

By Jennifer Manley

While the students at Lyndon State have been busy switching classes, decorating dorm rooms, and in general organizing their lives in September for the new semester, the Board of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges has been gathering reports, rethinking missions, and preparing strategic plans which will guide LSC and the entire VSC into the new mil-

To begin the process of revision, the Vermont State College Board formed a strategic planning steering committee, which contained three faculty member, in addition to numerous other staff and administrators. Three working groups were formed, and the Board of Trustees accepted their reports as well as 18 strategic ini-

From all this work the new mission statement of the VSC was proposed. It begins, "For the ben-efit of Vermont, The Vermont State Colleges provide affordable, high quality, student-centered and accessible education, fully integrating professional, liberal, and career study".

According to LSC President Carol Moore, our mission statement at LSC is "highly compatible" with the new mission statement as well as with the 18 strategic initiatives proposed by the Board of Trustees. One of the common themes of both the newly revised LSC Vision statement and VSC mission statement is the integration of professional and liberal studies. The LSC vision statement sees the college as moving toward "full integration of these two curricular components and toward a continuing interdependence of general education, advanced liberal studies, and professional pro-

Not all are enthusiastic about the change. "To imply that professional programs are an essential part of what it means to be educated, diminishes a thousand years of tradition that defines education as learning how to think," said Alan Boye, Professor of English. "To take away or even diminish the role of liberal arts in the Vermont State College System will mean the death of the sys-According to President Carol Moore, the mission seeks only to orientate the VSC toward a practical application of the Liberal Arts. "The two should be blended", she said, "in such a way that courses in the professional studies incorporate the skills and content knowledge of the Liberal arts as appropriate." Examples of this are the existing Journalism program, which teaches professional skills based on a liberal arts education, and the Professional Graphic Design program which depends on many fine arts skills.

While many departments apparently integrate the two components, there is speculation that other departments will need to change their ways in order to fulfill the mission of the College and the VSC, and in the long run, continue to receive adequate funding.

Richard Moye, Associate Professor of English, sees his department as ahead of the game, "The changes The English department has made over the seven years that I have been here are ahead of the strategic plan and fulfill the goals of the mission".

As of this year, the new mission, and the strategic planning board should have little impact on the actual workings in the departments. According to Moore, there is not yet a clear plan for implementation of the findings of the strategic planning committee, and it is too late for any of these developments to affect next year's budget. While it is still too early to predict the implications of these changes, speculation exists.

"The general point of view of the working group reports suggests to me that Liberal Arts is undervalued or under emphasized and therefore vulnerable,' said Moye. In the end, the Board of Trustees must approve the final budget, and that will determine the direction in which the new mission statement will take LSC.

IN THE CHEAP SEATS

by Jamie Norton

Ilove sports. The thrill of athletic competition is one of the biggest adrenaline rushes one can experience. Whether it's smashing a line drive right back up the box, swishing a beauty at the buzzer, or pounding in the game-winning goal, the excitement of winning or being successful in sports is unmatched.

Unfortunately, there's more to life than just sports.

Try telling that to the University of Tennessee football program that smothered the old saying "Cheaters never win" like an elephant sitting on a Chihuahua last year as a number of players cheated their way through their academics in order to stay eligible.

The Volunteers went undefeated in 1998 en route to the NCAA national championship, and ESPN.com recently uncovered a huge story in which up to four tutors wrote essays and papers and did schoolwork for at least five football players. However, this was not so shocking as was the fact that such incidents had been going on undetected since at least 1995.

The whole story was a big, ugly, complicated mess and I won't go into the juicy, gory details. Rather, I would like to say simply, "What a disgrace."

Surely, UT is not the first university to do such a thing. In giant places like that that school tens of thousands of students, it's easier to

get away with than, say a tiny little school like Lyndon State College.

That's just one more reason why I'm perfectly happy tucked away here in the upper corner of Vermont, away from the insanity of pro-level college sports. Ya gotta love it

College athletes. Notice how delightful that sounds. Say it to yourself. "College athletes - I'm a college athlete. He's a college athlete." It has a nice ring to it, doesn't it? Do you know why? Because everybody can relate to college athletes. Many people have been college athletes, and they can relate to them much better than the celebrity professionals.

Unfortunately, college players, particularly those of NCAA
Division I schools such as the
University of Tennessee, are expected to be like the pros. They carry a certain status about them because of expectations and national recognition that they receive from the likes of ESPN and ABC.

These young men and women, without even reaching the pros, are expected to be pros as juniors and seniors - and sometimes even freshmen - in college. But a college athlete is just that - a college athlete. And "athlete" is only half of that label, and the second half at that. The other half is "college," meaning they have a whole other life outside the enclosed area of the sports arena. They have classes, homework, reading, writing, math, science, and all the things they need to worry about

as far as practicing for the biggest game of them all - the game of life (I know, that's a hideously overused cliche, but it works for my argument).

Tens of thousands of young men and women nationwide get free rides into college via athletic scholarships, but only a handful get the opportunity to play professionally, only a pinch of whom have long, successful pro careers. Therefore, it makes more sense to concentrate on one's studies when in college, no matter how big the university is that he or she attends. The aspect of receiving an actual paycheck just to play the game you love is very intriguing, but let's be realistic here. More than likely, it's not going to happen.

Cheating in college for athletic qualification (or for any other reason) may get you where you want to be here in the immediate future out on the field - but it's not going to get you anywhere when it comes down to the reality of life.

Sports are great - I love them just as much as anyone else, but they can't be such a priority that you neglect everything else, forcing yourself to cheat your way through your academics just to qualify, even in a nationally-ranked school like Tennessee.

But here we are, happily tucked away in the cozy little upper corner of Vermont, away from the insanity of pro-level college sports. Ya gotta love it. We don't need to worry about people getting extra help and hiring tutors to write papers for them, because we are moral fellows. That sort of thing doesn't happen here. Or does it?

largest association for tennis instructors

TW: Yeah, it's the largest in the world.

JN: What are the benefits of having it?

TW: A lot of benefits. One of the benefits is, if I'm giving someone a lesson, and someone sprains an ankle or something, there's a liability coverage

BL: Four million dollars liabili-

TW: Which is really nice, because then we can't get sued out of our britches.

BL: Also if you want to pursue teaching as a career . . . that's a good step in the right direction. If you're serious about instructing you have to be certified, it's the best association to be certified under in the country.

JN: Do you guys have any aspi-

rations of doing that?

BL: I'm very serious about it, I'd say yes . . . I can see myself in the future being involved in some aspect of the game.

TW: I'd toy around with it. I gotta go with my first dream, sportscasting, but if that doesn't work, I've always got a great fallback. I've made a lot of contacts... I've probably got everyone in the world that's in the United States Professional Tennis Association.

BL: We worked for a number of years at the Straton Tennis School that's the ninth-ranked tennis school in the country.

JN: So, would you guys be able to play against the ATP professionals?

TW: Well, we could, but it would be a joke.

BL (laughing): Don't even ask. TW: We could teach them, we could instruct them, we could be their coaches, but as far as playing

them

BL: They'd kick our (expletive)

TW: Honestly, when you put
an eight-hour day on the court,
and you come off and you've got to
spend another four hours working
if you want to get that good,
nobody wants to do that. You
spend eight hours in the 90-degree

weather on a hard court.

BL: Professionals play tennis
10 hours a day, seven days a week,
and if you're lucky enough to have
enough talent, you might even get
a shot.

JN: What does it take to get your professional certificate?

BL: You have to be employed at a teaching school for . . . a solid three years.

TW: I've done eight years solid. I started teaching when I was 15. You have to be a ranked 4.5, 5.0 player and you have to pass a written exam, you have to pass a whole on-court exam, and you have to pass a teaching exam. Three parts, and if you fail one part, you fail the exam.

Be sure to check out Lisai this spring when he inherits the top rank here at Lyndon and competes in his senior year of tennis, and keep looking for Weeks as he pursues his dream of calling for the greats on television.

Weeks and Lisai: Tips From Pros

By Jamie Norton

You may not believe it, but we have professional athletes right here at LSC. Well, not really. Seniors Tony Weeks and Ben Lisai have been playing tennis most of their lives, and as the top-ranked men's tennis players at Lyndon, are professionally certified by the United States Professional Tennis Association. But don't expect to see them on TV anytime squaring off against Agassi or Sampras. It's basically for tennis instructors.

JAMIE NORTON: When did you get started playing tennis?

BEN LISAI: I've been playing for close to 13 years.

JN: And how'd you guys get started?

BL: My dad started me out when I was five.

TONY WEEKS: I started when I was 10 and I had nothing to do.

I was very sports-oriented, I played soccer, I played baseball, I played baseball, I played basketball, I played touch football, I played everything, and whenever I sat in the house I was a reckless kid. So my mom and dad were like, "The local parks are having free [tennis] lessons, why don't you go down and just take'em." I went down and took them and I found out, after I started batting balls over the fence like home runs, after awhile I found out I had a little bit of talent, and it just went up from there.

JN: So, what made you decide to take tennis more seriously?

TW: Tennis is fun to us, to me it is.

BL: When I was younger . . . playing in high school I was much more serious about tennis . . . and going to tournaments, but now that I'm older, I don't take it as seriously anymore.

TW: Same here. In high school I got ranked No. 2 in 18-year-olds

and under in New Hampshire . . . but once I came to college I didn't really want to pursue the competitive aspect of it. It was more the fact, I think, that I know I'm burnt out. I was burnt out competitively, because I'd been playing for five years, winter, summer, fall, and spring in any tournament I could get into.

BL: For me, it's lack of time. If I could play more competitive tennis I would, but it's lack of hours.

JN: Aren't you the top-ranked tennis players here [at LSC]?

BL: Yes
TW: We're about that same

ability level.

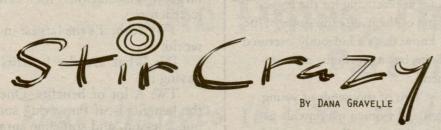
JN: You guys ever played

against each other?
TW: A couple of times.

JN: And who won?
BL: We split 1-1.
JN: You guys have your pro-

fessional licenses?

BL: Tony and I are both certified by the USPTA . . . it's the





...WHICH JUST HAPPENED TO FIT JIMMY'S BI-WEEKLY GROCERY BUDGET.

Into the Void with **Trent Reznor**

by Jason Scherer

Nine Inch Nails - The Fragile Nothing / Interscope Records Produced by Trent Reznor and Alan Moulder RATING: 8 (out of 10)

Five years is a long time between albums, and a dangerously long time at that. Def Leppard used to do it, and look at what's become of them. What makes it especially difficult is that NIN's last album, 1994's The Downward Spiral, was one of the most influential albums of the early and mid 90's. It's fair to say that expectations for Reznor's follow-up ran just a tad high.

And so he gives us The Fragile, a sweeping 23 track epic with a grandeurof scope and theme that hasn't been attempted since Pink Floyd's The Wall. Reznor comes close to achieving that kind of immortality, but falls just a bit short due to a little too much bloat.

The name of the album is an apt one; while it's as intricately constructed as a cathedral, its layers of digital sledgehammer beats and noise falls apart with the lightest touch, and the lyrics say much about one man's suffering.

The tracks rely on tension tension between dueling synthesized beats, between Reznor and the mysterious "you" who keeps popping up on many of the tracks, and building from a few simple, urgent beats at the beginning of a. song to a frenzied hysteria of noise at the end. Even the piano ballad "La Mer" makes you sit on the edge of your seat as the percussion first decorates the piano and then smashes it into shattered bits.

America is much more jaded and cynical than it was since NIN's last album; Reznor obviously realizes this, and his self-hating lyrics aren't without a touch of irony - "There's no place I can hide It feels like it keeps coming from inside" and the like. His angst can sometimes seem a little forced, but that's most likely intentional. Angst isn't as trendy as it used to

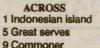
What Reznor and the rest of the gang have done, essentially, is to create a new genre, independent of everything around them. He takes bits from here, pieces from there, and mashes them together violently to make something entirely new, a practice he's been performing since the day NIN came about. And by doing this, he's created a lot of industrial-rock imitators who can only imitate, and never join Reznor in the lonely music void that he's created.

Unfortunately, there is some superfluous music on the double album, a common problem with Even the Smashing Pumpkins, who were in their prime at the time, couldn't put together a completely brilliant double-album - half of it ended up being noise. Here, six of the 23 songs are

Crossword 101

" Football Giants "

By Ed Canty



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instrumentals, and while they may

rock, one wonders if they really fit

in thematically with the other

tracks. Combine that with the

numerous long songs ("We're In This Together", for example, runs

about seven minutes), and we have

an album that, while unmistakably

brilliant, falls just short of com-

plete genius because of just a little

too much excess. It might not be

bloat - one cannot deny that the

instrumentals hit just as hard, if

not harder, than the other tracks.

But if they had been cut out, then

perhaps Reznor would have

released an album of pure, com-

behind the wall of noise and digital

sound that Reznor has created as a

kind of hideaway from the real

world, if only to try and under-

stand what drives such a man to

such painful musical extremes.

Nonetheless, it's worth getting

plete genius.

- 6 Waterford neighbor 42 Boast
- 7 Hearing aid 43 Seed covering 44 Cupid's projectile
- 8 Dagger 9 Airport visitor 45 Cape Cod town 10 Solitary 46 Nest residents 11 At all times
- 12 Harry's wife 48 Like some McDonald's 17 Playful orders
- 18 Thou __ sinned! 49 Assist 50 Alone
- 51 Mild expletive 52 Cobras 24 Search party 54 Actress Gardner
- 55 Apr. to Oct. 27 Twiddled one's thumbs
 - Quotable Quote "Football strategy does not originate in the
 - scrimmage: It is useless to expect solutions in a political campaign. "

Walter Lippman

Current movies at a glance

Top Box Office Movies (Scores out of Ten)

- 1. Double Jeopardy SCORE: 5
- 2. Random Hearts SCORE: 6 3. Three Kings
- SCORE: 9 4. American Beauty
- SCORE: 10 5. Superstar
- SCORE: 3 6. The Sixth Sense
- SCORE: 7
- /. Blue Streak SCORE: 4 8. Drive Me Crazy
- SCORE: 2 9. The Adventures of Elmo
- in Grouchland SCORE: 8
- 10. For Love of the Game SCORE: 2

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"We're unarmed," Jim muttered to his companions.

"We have our water guns," another Dew Man added helpful-

"I'm afraid that won't be enough." Mark started to look for a way out. Back in the crowd of huddled dancers, he recognizeda familiar face.

"Jen," he yelled.

The short blonde girl looked over and cocked her head to theside. "Yes," she sneered in an expression of disgust at theinter-

"It's Mark; remember how I helped you in Algebra last semester?

Her face blossomed into a smile, "Yes." It had been her third try in Algebra, and without Mark's "help" she would havefailed it again. She was also incredibly rich.

"Can you do me a favor?"

"Anything."

"Write the college a blank check and give it to me. Don't worry, it won't be cashed."

She took her checkbook from the folds of her toga and quickly wrote the check. As the first fake Mountain Dew Man was heaved aside by an SB, Jen handed Pepsi Chick the blank check. "Thanks." Mark grabbed his date and strode from the shrinking group of superheros.

"President Jones," Mark yelled raising the check up into the air. "I have a blank check for the college if you call off the

A hint of saliva dripped from Jones's lips. "It's a trick," Nomad

"Not so long ago, you made a similar offer. Did you not?" Jones asked his companion.

"Call off your SB's."

"But-"

"Do it."

The robots stopped, with their last pair of Dew Men in their arms. They freed themselves from the motionless arms and formed up with Jim and Mark..

Mark led the small group forward, toward the nearest exit. Jones rushed toward them with several deans in tow, their eyes locked on the check.

DOUBAP Hutch had a cellular phone in hand and rapidly spoke as he followed alongside Jones. As they reached the door, Mark said, "Sorry, Jones, I lied." He tore the check in two and ran out the door. In an instant, the two SB's turned to pursue to be joined by the third robot as it left thecontrols to the music.

"Mountain Dew Man," a voice came from the corner ahead of Jim and Mark. "Follow me."

"You two," Jim gasped at the

"Keep going straight, and try to get one of those things to follow you."

Mark and Jim turned to go down the short hallway into the college's main theater. The president of the college's theater group stood holding one of the doors open to the club's workshop. The sophomore, dressed in traditional judge's robes complete with a powdered white wig, motionedfor them to come in.

The room was cramped and filled with tools and the smell of sawdust from a recently built set. "There's no way out," Mark concluded after a brief look. The rumble of machinery from The adjacent boiler room almost masked the noise of keys rumbling in the lock.

'The SB's have keys," Jim said needlessly as the first of three of the robots squeezed through the doorway.

The judge moved forward. power tool in hand with the orange extension cord leading back to the wall. "Behind me." He fired off several nails from the gun into the first robot as it cleared the door frame. The robot stopped, spewing sparks from the puncture wounds briefly before going silent. The SB behind pushed the shell out of its path to enter the room. Raising the nail

gun, he fired. The first nails hit and stuck, but the robot kept coming and extended an arm to unplug the tool. With the same arm, it knocked the judge aside and focused its attention on Mark and Jim.

They back- stepped as the two robots followed. Turning to run, Mark slipped but kept going on the sawdust with the SB's rolling ahead ever faster. As the back wall of the workshop approached, Mark and Jim split left and right. The SB's tried to turn and slow down; their wheels, without Anti-lock brakes, lost traction on the sawdust and sent them into and through the wall. Looking through the hole in the drywall that separated the workshop from the boiler room, Jim watched as the first, then the second SB careened off the short ledge into the boiler room. SB-DJ kept sliding on its grease and sawdust covered wheels into the front of a boiler as SB10 regained control. In a shower of sparks and alarms, SB-DJ impacted the boiler's control panel.

"Run," the judge ordered picking himself off the ground. The three bolted from the room as the floor shook, and a cloud of black smoke rolled from the boiler room. The fire alarm sounded, giving the three a chance to escape outside.

Iim had found Kate several minutes after the fire trucks had arrived. She was badgering the college president about the safety and the sturdiness of having sheetrock walls separating a boiler room from a student club office. "How do you know?"

Jones asked her. "It's my job. Isn't it yours, too?" Kate returned. Jim, in his soot covered Mountain Dew Man costume waved her over.

"I'll give you a minute to come up with an answer. Geez, where's Nomad when you need her, huh?" Kate jogged over to Jim leaving Jones fuming to himself. "Yeah?"

"We're taking off, before Jones tries to get us arrested."

"Good answer. I'll come over after this place settles down."

"'Bye." Jim ran off to the parking lot to the waiting Topaz.

From a safe distance, Nomad watched the proceedings. "SB12, pursue."

Half an hour later, Jim and Mark reclined on their couch, free of costumes and soot. Text books of long forgotten and long overdue homework littered the coffee table, but neither of them were ready to do work.

"Why hasn't Kate shown up

yet?" Jim asked.

"Maybe she has a really good interview going on or something."

This is insane, Kate decided. The SB blocked her path to the door but wouldn't make any aggressive moves unless she tried to leave or move forward. Sooner or later, Nomad or someone will show up. She could hear talking upstairs, so she knew Mark and Jim were up there. If she yelled, it might attack, hmm.

After the media blitz and the crowds had subsided, Jones made his way back to his office to find Nomad sitting on his desk.

"Yes."

"I sent an SB to follow Mountain Dew Man, but it's not transmitting its position to me. I know the general location of where it is in town, though." Nomad said recrossing her legs.

"Let's go."

"Mountain Dew Man's not here," Kate told the robot. "You should go, before my friends call the cops." The robot ignored her just glaring at her with a big, stoic set of red eyes.

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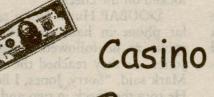
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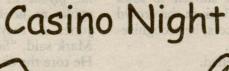
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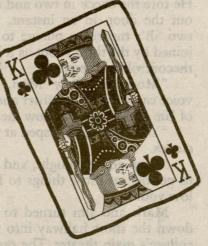
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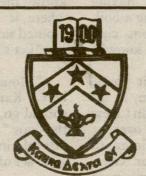
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Open forum brings forth issues, concerns

by Jason Scherer

On October 28th, the VSC Stragetic Planning Committee and Board of Trustees held an open forum in the Burke Mountain Room to address some of the concerns raised by many faculty, staff, administraion, and students over the past few months over the proposed changes in the VSC.

Bob Clark, President of VTC and Interm Chancellor, welcomed everyone to the 3rd in a series of forums being held throughout the state, and thanked everyone on the committees and board for their hard work over the past few

The forum started with a discussion of the new mission statement adopted by the Board of Trustees in Septmeber. Church Hinds, a trustee from Colchester, said the he hopes "the new VSC mission . . . will have some lasting value. The last one was about fifteen years old.'

According to Hinds, the first paragraph of the mission statement was meant to a "bumpersticker" statement - clear, concise, and concrete. The five bullets after that were meant to elaborae on that paragraphs's ideas.

Tim Strum, Professor of Education, voiced some worries over the vocabulary of the mission statement, which often uses the term "client". "If I'm a parent, and I look at this, I would want my kid to viewed as a student, not as a client. This turns it into more of a business relationship."

Hinds emphasized that the term was used in order to balance the tension between the narrow and specific and the broad and general. "The VSC does do business with more than just students. For example, I know the Dowsers come here to LSC every summer. We're just trying to allow for that," said Hinds.

Along with the new mission statement came a "vision statement", which Hinds said was every bit as important as the mission statement, and was meant to be "a statement of what the VSC system is characteristic of."

After the vision statement was a list of goals compiled by the Board of Trustees and series of strategic initiatives to carry out those goals. Three committees came up with about 68 suggestions, which the Trustees then boiled down into 18 categories. The Council of Presidents then combined those 18 into 11 strategic initiatives under three broad categories: revenue enhancement, new academic programs, and administrative changes. The 11 strategies are:

1. Increase overall and individual college enrollments

2. Partnership with the Governer, General Assembly, preK-12 education, business, and local communities.

3. Increase revenues from all

4. Establish new program approval and review procedure

5. Develop a comprehensive assesment plan for effectivness

6. Expand distance learning and alternative program delivery

7. Maximize transfer opportunities.

8. Endorse / impliment SASI.

9. Support workforce by

being more flexible, responsive, and student centered.

10. Assess alternative models for VSC's organizational structure.

11. Develop a new budget model consistent with VSC priori-

Along with these, Clark also had concerns about the role the Waterbury office has played in the VSC in recent years. "The Chancellor's office should not be about command and control . . . we are only there to faciliate for the individual administrations. The presidents are the key to the success of all this," said Clark. He also asked that all concerns, questions, and commments be sent to his office.

The timeline for the implimentation of these strategies is 20 months. "We want to see how much we can get done between now and June, and then from June to June," said Clark.

Many concerns were raised by attendees about the vocabulary of the initiatives.

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Doyle named Professor Emeritus

On November 5, the VSC Board of Trustees voted to award former Professor of English Jim Doyle the rank of Professor Emeritus. Doyle, who retired last year as a full-time professor but continues to teach one class a semester, taught at LSC for 19 years.

"He's touched so many student's lives, and I think that's what a good teacher should do," said Alan Boye, Professor of English.

"There's a lot of devoted teachers up there, so it's kind of awkard to be singled out," said Doyle. "But then again, I'd rather be honored than arrested," he said with a laugh.

Doyle has long been one of the most repsected and liked professors at the college, having gained a reputation for challenging academics, a passion for his students, and a wonderful sense of humor. Doyle had originally planned to fully retire this year, but when it was found out that he would be back to teach Greek and Roman classics, long one of Doyle's signature classics, the sign-up list for the class soon grew to double its capacity. He will also stay to teach Novel in England in the spring.

Doyle holds degrees from Providence College, Boston College, and Harvard University. Before coming to LSC, he was a professor at Fordham University.

When asked what one of his favorite memories of his years at LSC is, Doyle replies, "When Charlotte Middleton got an "A" on a paper. To me, it was a great example of patience and determination. Along with curiosity, those are wonderful traits in a student.'

By being named Professor Emeritus, a professor is still able to march in graduation and act in most kinds of official capacities for the college. "I'm really hoping it means I don't have to pay my library fines. I was also hoping it would mean a limo, but that doesn't seem to be forthcoming," joked



Professor Jim Doyle, named Professor Emeritus after retiring last year.

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YOUNG PEOPLE MUST BE INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS

To my mind, one of the great crises facing our country is the decline of grass-roots democracy. Currently, the United States has the lowest voter turnout of any major industrialized nation. Of even greater concern, an extremely high percentage of young people do not vote nor pay that much attention to political issues. In fact, in the last national election only 18% of people age 18–24 voted. This bodes very poorly for the future of our country.

Many young people believe that politics and government are not relevant to their lives. They are wrong - very wrong.

If you are concerned about the large debt you are accumulating in order to pay for your college education, you are dealing with a political issue. If you are concerned, among other things, about having a decent job when you get our of school, enjoying a clean environment, protecting the rights of women and minorities, having access to quality and affordable health care -you are concerned about political issues.

If young people do not stand up and fight for their rights and needs within the political process, I can assure you that there are powerful special interests which are more than happy to fill the void. Every year, large corporations and wealthy individuals contribute huge sums of money to political campaigns and hire skilled lobbyists to protect their interests. Meanwhile, Congress hears very little from the millions of young people who are in college.

Should Congress double the amount of money we spend on Pell Grants so that millions more middle class families can better afford a college education? Or, should we give huge tax breaks to millionaires and billionaires? The big-money special interests are in favor of the tax breaks. What do you think? Should Congress pass legislation to make it harder for a woman to choose with regard to abortion? Or, should that decision rest with the woman and her physician. Right-wing activists want to prevent a woman from making that choice. What do you think? Should Congress pass strong legislation to make sure that our air, water and food are not polluted? Big Business spends a great amount of money trying to weaken environmental laws.

What do you think? And these are just a few of the issues being debated in Congress which deserve the input of our nation's young people.

What can we do to reform and reinvigorate our democratic traditions?

First, we need real campaign finance reform. It is unacceptable that corporate interests in insurance, pharmaceuticals, banking, oil, tobacco and many other areas are contributing hundreds of millions of dollars in "soft money" to both political parties. It is absurd that we maintain a system in which the wealthiest one-quarter of one percent of the population make eighty percent of the cam-

paign contributions. The result, which most Americans perceive, is that Big Money interests have an extraordinary amount of power over the political process and that we end up with the best government that money can buy. This is not what the United States of America is supposed to be about.

Today, it is perfectly legal for a corporate entity to contribute as much money as it wants to a political party, or to put millions of dollars in "educational" ads on television and radio. It is perfectly legal for both major parties to solicit campaign contributions from the wealthiest people in this country and than provide them special access to Congressional leaders or to the President. This is absurd. We need to completely eliminate "soft money," limit the amount of funds that any candidate can spend in an election, and move toward public financing of campaigns.

Secondly, we need to greatly increase voter turnout. If young people and poor people are not voting, what candidates are going to be elected to represent their interests? Who is going to fight for greater financial aid for college students, affordable housing, healthcare for all, strong environmental protection, decent paying jobs, womens' rights? If the voter turnout in this country were 70–80%, as it is in many countries, the public policies developed by Congress would be very different, and far more responsive to the needs of the average person, than they are today.

Ultimately, we have to significantly raise political consciousness in this country and make people much more aware of how important the political process is to their lives. In the meantime, there are some administrative actions that can be taken to raise the voter turnout. We need to explore such concepts as same day registration, increased use of mail ballots, voting via the Internet and expanding the hours that the polls are open. We must come up with innovative ways to bring more people into the political process.

As we enter the 21st century, there are many very serious problems facing our state, nation and planet. In order to address these concerns in an effective and democratic way, we need everybody's ideas, energy and participation. Democracy is not a spectator sport. This is your country. Help make it work better. Participate in the political process.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to visit our website at www.house.gov/gov/bernie/ for an ongoing update about national and congressional issues, as well as some interesting links to a wide variety of organizations and publications. I also hope that you'll contact my office by mail, phone or e-mail with your thoughts, concerns and questions.

Rep. Bernie Sanders I- VT

Are we getting the whole story?

In a memo to Student Government the Director of Student Life, Frank Doldo, tried to relate some improved statistics to the new programs instituted this year. This memo points out freshman attrition rates for September and the first half of October have decreased by half this year. They dropped from 6.96% in 1998 to 3.21% in 1999.

These numbers are good, but without further information they don't say much about the impact of the new programs this year. What were the numbers from the same time periods for the last five years? Was 1998 an unusual year? By only using data from two years the impression of a great improvement is given with nothing solid supporting it.

More data given as a sign of improvement was the number of incidents reported during the first week of classes in 1998 and 1999. The number of reported incidents for the first week dropped from 25 in 1998 to 1 in 1999. Again this is only two years and does not show the trend before 1998.

Undoubtedly the new programs have had some impact, but to imply they are the major factor is a stretch. I think the change of staff between the two years is the largest factor in this change of numbers. The majority of the Residential Life and Security staff that were working the first week of this year were not in these jobs at the same time last year. New people will handle incidents a little different than the people before them. This will result in the number of incidents actually being documented, or reported, changing.

The November 1-14 issue of the LSC UPDATE reported "student attendance at Campus Activities events increased by a factor of 3 or 4." Of course it did. Attendance at many of these events is mandatory for GEU students! At events not on the GEU punch card list attendance is often poor.

In regard to the punch card events I have a question. Why are soccer games, cross-country meets and other LSC sports events not punch card events also? Going to see one of our teams compete would do more to impart school spirit to students than sitting in the theater watching "Skippy" do his comedy act.

This letter is not intended to be an attack on the new programs implemented this year. I understand that, as with any new program, these will be closely evaluated and improvements made. I hope as this happens all the data will be analyzed in an unbiased manner.

Doug MacPherson Senior Senator

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Down Oll To By Jason Scherer



hootings in Seattle. Death in East Timor. Injustice across the world.

Yes, it's all in a day's work for yours

Did I forget to mention that I am The Man? Not "a man" – I have been above such a common title for many years now. Two years ago, I ascended to the rank of "The Man", and I haven't looked back since – not even at those I had to step on and squash as I clawed and kicked my way up the ladder of success.

So what, exactly, does the job involve? Well, to put it bluntly, I'm responsible for the oppression of the millions of downtrodden and Third World citizens across the globe. And it's not an easy job, let me tell you. Any moment, if I let my vigilance down just a smidgen, a young black male somewhere in the depths of Watts could suddenly become head of french fry production at his local McDonald's, and the fragile, organic system that I and so many before me have constructed could topple.

Naturally, the job of keeping the black man down has become much, much easier with the advent of the Internet and wireless communication. It used to take a couple of weeks for a letter from one of my buddies down in South Africa about the need for reinforcements to reach me (which might be why one of our great conspiracies fell apart). Now, all I need is a simple, quick e-mail, and I can be sitting in my basement with all the other secret members of our conspiracy trying to figure out how to beat those people back into their place.

Before I go on describing my duties, I just want to make something clear: I'm not a bigot, or a racist, or yellow or anything like that. I like black people, yellow people, red people - hell, I bet I'd like lavender people if I ever met any (and I'm sure I will before my life is over - who knows what the future holds?). But you see, I'm The Man, and whether or not I like them is immaterial. I'm part of an international white elitist conspiracy now to oppress, discriminate, and make war with anyone who's not part of The Team (as we refer to ourselves; I know, the name's boring, but you should see our secret handshake!). So I've got to put any personal feelings aside in the name of professionalism.

One of the best tools I have at my disposal for the oppression of minorities here in America is crack. No, not the part of your body that's the butt of many jokes by 7th graders. I mean smokable cocaine. You see, before its invention, homeless people, residents of low-income housing in the ghettoes of our cities, and suburban teens all used to have a decent chance of becoming productive members of our society. But thanks to crack,

we've eliminated the need to worry about them. Don't believe the conspiracy theorists – the CIA didn't invent crack. It was invented by The Team as one of the ultimate tools of oppression. We manufacture this wonderful drug at one of the abandoned automobile plants in Flint, Michigan – a site perfect for our needs, and kind of symbolic too, which is nice. After all, Ford, one of the founding fathers of The Team, was one of the great Anti-Semites of this century.

When I ascended to the title of The Man, one of the greatest honors bestowed on me was the ownership of Vogue magazine. Vogue, Cosmo, and Better Homes and Gardens have long been our three major media outlets for the controlling of women. You see, we had to find a way to keep women true to the old saying, "Cook in the kitchen and whore in the bedroom." What better way than to use white male imagism through attractive media advertising? I probably shouldn't tell you this, but the knowledge just makes me giddy - Martha Stewart is actually a cyborg under our control, and I'll be damned if she doesn't live up to specifications.

You see, we believe that women should be just like the androids in "The Stepford Wives" – obedient and quiet. I personally don't believe in the "barefoot and pregnant" credo, as some of the older members of The Team do. If they're barefoot, then they might get corns or calluses, which would lead to difficulty walking around doing housework, and being pregnant can make certain activities difficult. But obedient – that's where the two schools, Old and New, of The Team agree.

But as you can see, the rich white male elitist conspiracy is starting to fall apart. Ever since the sixties, we just haven't been as efficient as we used to be. I mean, come on, women in politics and executive positions? Black men becoming baseball and football stars? Jews doing things besides banking and baking? It's obvious we need to get our act together, which I think is in part why I was hired to become The Man. Fresh blood is always a good thing – it brings an infusion of new ideas. And The Team, as stubborn as it can get, could always use a good new idea or

That's why I'd like to take this opportunity to send out an open call to all my fellow white males to come and join The Team. We could always use underlings – human resource managers, loan officers, and teachers are great for low to mid level oppression. In regards to becoming The Man yourself – well, I certainly had to work for it, but it's possible for any white male, I suppose. Just make sure that no one minority ever gets in charge of french fry production in your district and I would say that there's no limit to how high into the conspiracy you could get.

Jay's Wacky News Bite:

Police in Mass. captured a woman Nevada investiagtors say killed her Las Vegas millionare husband, Ronald Rudin. His wife who police all a gold digger, allegedly killed her husband by shooting him several times, burning him, then decapitating him so he'd fit into an anqitue trunk,

which was found in the Nevada desert. She was captured when a pizza delivery boy was shown her picture after delivering her a pizza, and a police sergeant returned to capture as dressed as the delivery boy. - Courtesy Bob Welch

Budget cutbacks hit LSC, other colleges face problems

By Seth Osmun

Recent cuts in the budgets of LSC and other Vermont State Colleges have been one of the solutions presented to battle the various problems pestering the VSC, such as high tuition, low salaries, and a lack of government

Johnson State has gone as far as to initiate a hiring freeze, reduce professorships by 17%, and eliminated several course offerings and may possibly eliminate entire college departments. The college is also battling decreased enrollment which has left the college with a \$350,000

Johnson State and Castleton State have the highest tuitions in the VSC system. Tuition figures are at \$11,017,900 \$11,840,200 respectively. Lyndon State has a tuition of \$9,907,100.

Susan Bartlett, a State Senator for Lamoille County who sits on the Board of Trustees, has called for an overhaul of the body that governs the colleges, and an increase in federal benefits. "Many of us have a system that is not working well.," Bartlett said, referring to the current governing

of the colleges.

All of the colleges recieve no more than 20% fo their operating monies from the state legislature. Bartlett has also stressed the need for a structuring of the colleges so they would think as a single body, instead of acting on their own, pointing out that, "Looking at the three campuses as sort of one college is the direction we need to

Currently all institutions operate on their own, leaving each to decide how itis money will be budgeted, spent, distributed, and shared. A centralization of the schools would change the nature of how funds are used. Several structural models are being considered by the Board of Trustees and the VSC Strategic Planning Committie, many of which revolve around the idea of allowing the VSC to work "more as a system", said one report.

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Enrollment Snapshot

by Anthony Lolli

Dean of Enrollment Management

The mid-October final snapshot for enrollment is virtually complete with only a few isolated cases yet to be resolved.

The enrollment picture is as

Recruitment: 404 deposits by new Freshmen and Transfers. (9% above the budget target of 371 and 7% above 378 in mid-October 1998). Total enrollment as of mid-October 1999: 1057 FTE (0.3% below 1059 FTE in mid-October 1998).

Retention: The retention rate for continuing students from Fall '98 to Fall '99 was 71.3%. The balance (28.7%) either left or were administratively withdrawn. The comparable figure one year ago was 68.1%.

Conclusions: While the retention rate increased by approximately 3%, the current continuing student attrition rate of approximately 29% is too high and for this reason retention should remain among the college's

A look at retention for the Freshmen who arrived in Fall '98

is as follows:

Full-time Freshmen: 250 as of mid-October 1998. 143 returned Fall of 1999 for a retention rate of

57.2%. The largest proportion, 40 (16%), transferred out. Analysis of the reasons given by those transferring out will be undertaken. The comparable retention rate for the previous year was also 57%.

Retention continues to be a problem. The cumulative effect of initiatives such as the General Education Program, increased Student Activities programming, new Campus Life programs and new Residence Life programs will not be apparent until mid-October

However, there are some early indications of movement toward improved retention: the number of disciplinary actions for the first month of classes this year was 1 versus 25 for the same period last year; damage in the residence halls is down significantly compared to last year; student attendance at Campus Activities events increased by a factor of 3 or 4.

An examination of Freshmen and Transfer students in Fall '99 who voluntarily left LSC between the start of the semester and mid-October shows 11 (3.21%) left this year versus 23 (6.9%) who left last Fall during the same time peri-

College celebrates National French Week

By Stacy Patterson

Bonjour! Ca va? Ca va bien! If you are not sure what that means, you're still able to enjoy Nationall French Week at Lyndon State College from November 4-10th. The celebration is designed to be a cultural and educational experience for the whole family.

The week was designed to expose the college and the community to the French and Franco-American culture through music, art, cuisine, and cinema. In conjunction with these events, Frank Doldo, Director of Student Life,, planned some "French" events such as a film called "French Twist," a performance by mime Trent Arterberry, who was trained by Marceu Marceau, and a performance by Josee Vachon and her group Chanterelle.

"French Twist" was shown on November 4th at 8 p.m. in the Stevens Dining Hall. The film was a provocative comedy with a very

interesting twist.

Mime Trent Arterberry performed on November 5th at 8 p.m. in the Alexander Twilight Theatre. Arterberry broke the mold with a marvelous mix of mime, monologue, and music, using traditional mime body language, thought-provoking stories, and both contemporary and classical music.

Josee Vachon and her group Chanterelle performed November 6th at 8 p.m. in the Alexander Twilight Theatre. The group presented traditional original songs and tunes in Quebecois, Cajun French, and English. They combined strong vocal harmonies with vibrant instrumental arrangements.

These events were organized by Doldo, Carole Delavault, Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages, and the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) in collaboration with the French govern-

College honors student with plaque and scholarship at memorial service

By Stacy Patterson

On Thursday, October 14. 1999, a memorial service was held for Jedidiah Zabrosky, of Grand Isle, Vt., in the Alexander Twilight Theatre at Lyndon State College, with Reverend Michel Bean conducting the service. Ied was killed this summer along with his father in a car accident in Grand Isle, Vt.

Jed came to LSC in the fall of 1997 and started as an elementary education major, but switched to a business major in January 1999. He lived in the Wheelock Residence Hall for two years. During his two years at LSC, he was a very active member in the Entertainment Club, Twilight Players, GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance), and was a House Representative. He touched people's lives, fought for his beliefs, and was a positive person with a constant smile on his face.

There was a plaque dedication in front of the Wheelock Residence Hall and the announcement of four \$250 scholarships in his name.

The scholarships have criteria that reflect Jed's personality. The candidates must be active campus leaders, must be in the field of education and/or business, and must be Vermont residents. Candidates must submit an essay explaining how they fit into the above criteria and how they have made a difference in people's lives. There will be a committee set up to evaluate the candidates made up of two GSA members, two Student Government members, three faculty members, one Twilight Players member, and Jean Fournier from the library, whom Jed worked with throughout his years at LSC. This award will be presented at the leadership awards ceremony in April 2000.

"I always joked with him about being wise. I soon realized he was the wisest of us all," said Jennifer Everett, a friend.



Friends and family gather in front of Wheelock for a plaque dedication in memory of Zabrosky.

IN THE CHEAP SEATS

by Jamie Norton

Congratulations to the Boston Red Sox for wrapping up their most successful and memorable season of the decade. It's been quite a year, considering that, with the loss of powerhouse Mo Vaughn to off-season deals last year, the Red Sox were not expected to fare that well in 1999.

But the Bosox exceeded everyone's expectations this season, including, perhaps, their own, in winning the wild card berth for their fourth playoff appearance in five years. They did it with adversity, losing key players to injury at times, and they did it without a real superstar offensive force.

The Red Sox finally gained enough ground to pull away in what had been a three-team wildcard chase and clinched the deal in the final two weeks of the season. But the very moment they claimed their postseason berth, talks of that infamous curse arose. New England fans everywhere were just waiting for the legendary "Curse of the Bambino" to again force the inevitable demise that has supposedly kept Boston from winning the World Series since 1918.

Can you say "scapegoat?"
You could not see a television playoff preview or game analysis or read a newspaper article without that dreadful phrase being thrown in there. Everything that the Red Sox have done in any postseason endeavor, be it losing in a three-

game sweep or the infamous

Buckner misplay of '86 is blamed on this wretched curse. They go about their business throughout the regular season, perennially ending as one of the most consistent teams in the league, with little national attention.

But as soon as the playoffs begin, they are put under such a huge microscope that every miscue or imperfection that any average team would commit is blamed on the Curse.

"Valentin's throw to first is wide. Looks like the Babe has his sights set on him tonight."

"That's ball four. It's only Pedro's first walk in seven innings, but you've got to wonder if the old Sultan of Swat might have had something to do with that one."

"Varitek fouls one off. Uh oh, things aren't looking good for the Red Sox. Must be the Curse."

Give it a rest, people! No wonder the BoSox haven't won anything in 81 years! When they enter the playoffs, they have to worry about breaking this ridiculous curse instead of just playing baseball. The atmosphere of postseason play is strenuous enough without worrying about other stuff like that affecting your psyche. These guys may be major league ballplayers, but they're human too.

The Red Sox don't keep losing in the playoffs because of any curse. They lose because they can't concentrate on playing the game, so stop blaming everything on the curse. It's a scapegoat. Did

Philadelphia's Mitch Williams blame a curse when he gave up Joe Carter's series-winning homer in 1993? No.

Did the Cleveland Indians blame a curse when they were three outs away from a World Series Championship and lost on a basesloaded single in 1997? No.

And speaking of the Indians, they have been a regular-season powerhouse since 1994, but still haven't managed to post a Series title since 1948.

They don't blame any curse. And the so-called "Team of the '90's," the Atlanta Braves, have steamrolled through the regular season every year since 1991, but have only been able to win the big prize once (1995 against - the Cleveland Indians!) The Braves don't have any curse to blame.

And, oh yeah, what about the-good old Chicago Cubs. It's been even longer since they've won the World Series - 91 years, to be exact. But do they blame any stupid curse? No. They hold their heads high and just admit to the world, "Hey, we just stink."

Just watch. The Red Sox will be back in the hunt next season and will again qualify for the playoffs. We'll know in our minds that they're just as good as any team they face in the postseason, but in our hearts, we will give up on them before they even take the field. It's sad, really, that such a bogus concept will continue to affect New England fans and ballplayers for years to come, thus denying us of the ultimate victory for which we have been waiting for decades.

Hornet men sting Saint Joseph

By Mike Brindley

The Lyndon State College men's soccer team improved its overall record to 5-8-1 after defeating the College of St. Joseph 4-2 two weeks ago at the LSC soccer field.

Scott McKim led the Hornets with three goals. CSJ had 11 saves, while Lyndon came up with eight.

Lyndon took an early lead when McKim scored the first goal with 20:05 left in the first half. The Hornets then added another goal at 11:52 to give them a 2-0 lead. It looked like this one might be falling into the hands of LSC early, but College of St. Joseph had other plans. Scoring two goals within six minutes of each other, they tied the game at two going into the second half.

Brought to life by the sudden swing in momentum, Lyndon came out in the second half and struck early. McKim scored his second and third goals of the game at 40:08 and 30:54, respectively. This gave the Hornets a 4-2 lead, which would end up being the final.

"I was happy with the team's play in the first 30 to 35 minutes," said LSC Coach Skip Pound, "but it seemed that we let the lead get to our heads and we weren't playing with the same intensity in the last 15 minutes of the first half. That has been one problem that has plagued us all year long."

Pound added that he was impressed with the way that the team came out strong in the second half and played with the same intensity throughout the rest of the game, which is something the team talked about during the half-time break.

Pound added that he was happy with the team's effort throughout the season. "Although we can beat teams statistically, that isn't always enough."

Hornets hockey falls after amazing comeback

By Michael Brindley

When a hockey team is down 4-0, usually the players start making plans for after the game. Maybe go to a party, or maybe just get some rest. But the party started early this past Saturday evening as the Lyndon State College hockey team came back from a four-goal deficit against Coast Guard at Chester Arena.

Not only were the Hornets still giving all of their effort, but it showed up on the scoreboard when, before anyone could believe what they were seeing, it was tied at 4. Unfortunately, Coast Guard but two more goals on the board before the night was over, handing LSC a 6-4 defeat.

Coast Guard got off to a quick start in the first period, scoring two goals in the first ten minutes. SC could not find the net in the first period, and three penalties did

not help their cause either. Period two, at first, seemed like it was going to be the same story. Scoring two more goals to make it 4-0, Coast Guard seemed to have put the game out of reach for the Hornets. But things were about to change drastically. With nine minutes left in the second period, Lyndon finally found the net when Rick Dowe put a rebound into the goal. Then, a minute later, LSC did it again thanks to goal from Brian Clark. The Hornets had now cut the deficit in half, but that didn't seem to be good enough for

With six minutes left in the period, the Hornets scored their third goal in three minutes, making the score 4-3 and putting Lyndon back into the game.

When the third period started, the Hornets made it evident that the momentum was still theirs when they tied the game 24 sec-

onds into the period on a goal by Joe Rawlins, his second of the contest. The score remained tied at 4 for the next nine minutes until Coast Guard answered LSC's fourgoal rampage with a goal of their own, putting them ahead 5-4. Adding another late goal, Coast Guard took the victory, 6-4.

But not lost in the game was the way the Hornets would not give up and refused to concede the loss.

Lyndon State College's next home game is Friday, November 12 when they take on Springfield College at the Fenton Chester Arena

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LSC professor writes new volume of verse

by Jason Scherer

As a general rule, the older a poet gets, the worse his or her poetry becomes. Take William Wordsworth. A brilliant poet in his youth, as age deteriorated his body, it also deteriorated his poetic sensibilities. The same can be said for Yeats, John Ashbery, and Adrienne Rich. Poetry, it has seemed since the time of the Romantics, has been the domain of young women and men, whose intellectual and emotional naivete has not yet been corrupted by the cynicism of old age that some would call "wisdom".

It is with some trepidation, therefore, that one approaches Kurt Singer's newest tome of verse, "Lyrics, Laments, and Some Words for Dead Americans.' Singer, who has taught for countless years at LSC, is no spring chicken; he has lived long enough to watch the revolution in American culture through the development of communication technologies, the destruction of our common code of morals through the rise of existentialism as the dominant Western philosophy, and the world of academics altering forever some of its most basic tenets. Keeping this in mind, one thinks that perhaps more than a touch of cynical wisdom will pervade the work. Fortunatley, whenever that elder disease does rear its head, it does so with a distinct humor that can only be chuckled at.

Singer, whose other works include "Widows" and "Aging and Other Poems", has crafted a volume of work that runs the whole range of his life experience, touching on all aspects of both youth and old age.

In the section entitled "Some Words For Dead Americans", one cannot help but see the smile on Singer's face as he both gently praises and chastises the figures that have proved important to America and himself. The ambiguity of "Martin Luther King" perfectly shows the flaws of becoming a martyr: "Never as you fell, never would you see / The black child with a rose for you / after "he" had overcome." His take on Ernest Hemingway brims with irony: "You must have approved of your death." And the first line of "Marilyn Monroe" perhaps perfectly summarizes the woman who has become an odd icon in American history: "A silly race deserves a transient goddess."

Indeed, this section proves to be the highlight of the book, where Singer's wit and gentle, aching

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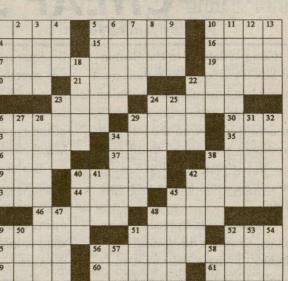
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" Some men are like musical glasses; to produce their finest tones, you must keep them wet. "

. Samuel Taylor Coleridge

American heart of darkness

by Paul Amell

The question asked in the movie American Beauty is this can a person live a life without denial and be willing to take on the responsibilities that come with living without denial?

Denial takes on many forms in this film. It is contrasted with beauty and reality, which are symbolized by rose peddles throughout the film.

The movie focuses in on Lester Burnham (played by Kevin Spacey), Lester's wife Caroline (Annette Bening), and their teenage daughter Jane (Thora Birch).

Lester, a 42 year old man, works as an advertiser for a successful magazine company; Caroline is a real estate broker; and Jane is a cheerleader in high school. They are presented, on the surface, as being a normal, healthy, middle class family, one that Dan Quayle may be proud of. As always, however, there is much more than the surface to consider.

In the introduction, Lester mentions, referring to his life, -"I've lost something, I feel sedated." Realizing this, Lester sets about to change his life. He stops being a "whore" for the magazine company, warning an efficiency expert, who is cunningly eliminating Lester's job, that he'll expose a magazine administrator for personal use of corporate funds - his boss spent \$50,000.00 on a prostitute. Following this, Lester stops his wife from controling his every move and attempts to recapture the close relationship he had, at one time, with his daughter.

Through these and many other changes, one could say that Lester has empowered himself, no longer willing to sit back as a passive charatcer, no longer willing to let things happen to him instead of causing things to happen.

Caroline, on the other hand, prefers a life of repression. She tries to convince herself that by having a beautiful home, nice car, sitting down together as a family for dinner, and having a successful career, all issues in her life will be solved, making her a better person. Her mantra, recited continuously throughout the film, sums it up: "In order to be successful, one must project an image at all times."

And daughter Jane feels she is estranged from her parents. She wants her father to give her the attention he gives to Angela (Mena Suvari), her friend. Jane also wants her father to be a better role

Throughout the movie, the combination of Lester's,

Caroline's, and Jane's values meld together and reach a point where each must choose to face one's issues in life and responsibly try to deal with them, or continue to sabotage their lives feeling "sedated", unfulfilled and miserable.

The film also attempts to show denial in such forms as homophobia, narcism, drug addiction, patriotism, and many more. In the end, the film divulges the sick values of American society and proves its core is weak and diseased.

Americans, it seems to say, prefer repression and denial over real-

What is the cure? You'll have to watch to find out. And a wanring: those of you who like violence, sex, and colloquial language, this movie is filled with it.

Dreamworks's "American Beauty" is written by Allen Ball; directed by Sam Mendes; and produced by Bruce Cohen and Dan

Current movies at a glance

Top Box Office Movies Week of 11/07/1999

1. The Bone Collector

2. House on Haunted Hill

3. The Bachelor

4. The Insider

5. The Best Man

6. Double Jeopardy

7. American Beauty

8. The Sixth Sense

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Jim stood and began pacing. "Maybe they caught her," he started.

"Kate's the press; she's untouchable," Mark reassured him, standing to start pacing. He paused to look out the window.

"Isn't that Kate's car?"

"It is."

Kate heard the flurry of footsteps coming down the stairs and backed up. The SB started to follow her, then stopped as the door opened. Neither Mark nor Jim were dressed up as Dew Man. They looked more like thugs, wielding baseball bats. They swung, high and low, but the SB caught both bats in a iron grip. It shoved, flinging them both backward into the doorway.

"Don't hurt them, or Nomad will have you turned into a calculator," Kate warned the robot as she tried to circle around it. As the robot considered Kate's comment, she crouched down next to the fallen students. "I think it tracked you back here. If Nomad and Jones discover who you are, then -"

"We need to destroy it, here and now," Mark said.

"With what?" Jim asked. "My car. It'll give the Topaz a noble death. Cover me." While

Mark tried to sneak around the doorway, Kate and Jim walked right up to the SB.

"Your mama was a Coke machine," Kate insulted the robot.

"No, a Pepsi machine." Jim laughed. Red lights flashed on the

dome in anger. "Now," Mark yelled, breaking into a run. The SB was with him in full pursuit. Kate dove first, grabbing a hold of the SB's dome. Jim slid across the icy pavement, kicking one of the wheels, sending the robot off course. They bought enough time for Mark to make it behind the

wheel of the Topaz. Fortunately, he never locked the door with the philosophy that if someone stole it, it was their own damned fault. It started on the first try in a cloud of blue

smoke.

"Better catch him before he gets away," Jim told the robot. It arced toward the idling car.

Mark shifted the car into gear

too soon, causing the engine to

"Damn, damn, damn," Mark muttered to the car, approaching robot, and the divinity of his choice, respectfully. None responded, as the robot came within feet of the stalled Topaz.

"I am receiving a sketchy image from the SB." Nomad looked up from her laptop. Jones glanced over at her briefly before increasing the speed of his Saab.

"It is near the apartment building where Mountain Dew Man lives, but he hasn't appeared

"Perhaps he is inside."

The robot hesitated, then turned, speeding away from the Topaz. "Damn," Mark said. With one final turn of the key, the car started. Daring to leave the car idling, Mark got out and followed the robot. Kate and Jim ducked aside as the robot cruised past them and up the stairs without slowing.

"Follow it," Mark yelled.

Jim ambled up the stairs with Kate right behind. The SB was already inside, swiveling its dome scanning the apartment.

"Kate, keep it occupied," Jim said, slipping past and into the kitchen.

While the robot rooted under the couch, finding nothing more than stale crackers, Kate snapped the TV on and searched the channels. "Look a Coke ad," she said to the machine. It retracted its arms from under the couch. "Why would a Coke ad be playing in Mountain Dew Man's hideout?" The robot didn't have time to think before Jim returned, case of caffeine free Mountain Dew in hand.

"Look, Dew. More than I should have in the dorms. You'd better stop me before I make it to campus." Jim walked quickly to the door.

Ignoring Jim, The SB wheeled into the short hallway that led to the bedrooms. It paused in front of the hallway closet.

"Oh, no."

Mark's heart stopped. The flash of orange glinted off the metallic skin of the SB briefly before the whoosh of a fire extin-

guisher killed the small fire. Mark watched the red metal extinguisher sail through the air and bounce off the hull of the robot. Rather than turn on its assailant, the SB headed at Mark, who was at the top of the flight of stairs. Trapped, he nearly fell running down the stairs with the robot behind him.

"Mark," Jim's voice called out. "It destroyed the costumes."

"Then, it's over if it reports to Nomad, if it already hasn't," Mark figured. He looked out the doorway, and in a cloud of blue-gray smoke rested the Topaz. Above all odds, the engine was still running. He still had a chance.

By the time Kate and Jim came outside thirty seconds later, it was over. The Topaz, stalled with its front fender caved in sat silent in the road. The SB, equally dead, lay on its side a few feet away.

Mark stepped out of the car and surveyed the carnage. "I think we'd better clean this up before Nomad shows up." "Why do you think she's coming?" Kate asked.

"Someone had to send this thing after us.'

"Dammit." Nomad snarled at the computer.

"What?" Jones asked.

"The SB has been destroyed."

They went to sleep after three hours of quietly dragging parts of SB and Topaz into the small garage Jim and Mark shared with their neighbors. They covered everything with a tarp and decided to hide the remains until they could figure out how to dispose of any evidence.

As it turned out, they didn't have to worry.

"Do you think...no?"

"Nomad?" Mark shook his head. "No way, she'd have come

'Then who?" Jim looked at his friend across the empty garage.

"I agree with Mark," Kate said a few hours later at the nearby donut shop over a cup of espresso. "Nomad would've hung you two out to dry if she'd found you out. That means we have an ally somewhere."

"Someone good enough to sneak a car and robot out of a garage without anyone knowing?" Jim still hadn't accepted it yet.

"I bet someone did, but I wouldn't go asking around. We don't need to scare off our newfound support."

Mark set down his coffee, "Where do we go from here?

Everything MDM is destroyed. We're seriously lacking in the vehicle department, and we haven't had the best of luck battling Nomad and Jones."

'That's all true, maybe we need to change your arena to something with more even ground until Dew Man can make his triumphant return." Kate suggested.

"What do you have in mind?"

Jim asked.

While half the campus was either drunk or studying for Friday exams, twenty-odd students were stuffed into a too-smallconference room, mumbling to themselves as more people filtered into the room. Kate, Jim, and Mark found a corner near the circular table arrangement.

"Now, when they ask if anyone if interested in the open positions, you raise your hands. To make it look less suspicious, I'm running next week. There are four empty spots already, and someone will probably quit soon."

"I've always avoided these meetings like the plague," Jim commented.

"I'm starting to feel sick, now

that you mention-"

'Can I have order please!" A voice called out over the murmurs, and Jim and Mark's first meeting in the student senate began.

Kate was waiting for them in the student center after the meeting. "That was horrid. All they did, was bitch." Jim complained.

"And no one wants to do any-

thing about anything."

"Will you go back?" Kate asked. They both nodded. "Then, | you'll have to be briefed on what to do if you're going to continue MDM's mission in senate."

"Where do we begin?"

"You've just become paralegals. Mark, here's the student handbook, volumes one through five, six isn't finished yet. I suggest you go through them looking for discrepancies. Take notes. Jim, take a look at the college system policy manual, specifically for taking out college presidents, students' rights, and monopolies.'

Kate's desk bookshelf was nearly empty as Mark and Jim loaded their bookbags with pseudo law books. "We'll go over a list of possible attacks before Thursday's meeting. Then, the war shall

begin."

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longing for times gone by shine with a particular intensity. Other poems, such as "Wise Men . . . Know Death is Right" and "Being 46" do justice to the tired themes of age and art, a predominant theme within the lyrics and laments. Unfortunatley, the Olde English alliterative poems fails, through no fault of Singer's - the form simply doesn't work in modern English, though credit must be given for the attempt.

In all, Singer's newest volume proves to be a pleasant enough read; not overbearing artistic, thoroughly modern in its aesthetic, and gentle enough to bring a smile to the reader's face.

VSC open forum

"It seems to me that the second section emphasizes "new", with no supporrt for existing programs," said Richard Moye, Professor of English. "And I happen to think there are some damn good programs here." Several in the audience voiced their agreement with Moye's assesment.

Church emphasized that while support for existing programs would not dwindle, those progams "should be able to stand up to scrutiny".

"It just seems to me like we feel we must change," said Metin Yersel, Professor of Science. "I think we might be mixing up VSC financial problems and focusing on academics, which doesn't seem to be the major problem."

Clark said that it was not an either or situation - instead, he said, "we need to look at both as equally important in helping the VSC.

"The Board is very committed to these actions. Let's hope history doesn't prove us fools for tackling such a large agenda," said Church.

Revision to Extended Office Hours

One of LSC's strategic initiatives addresses the quality of services to students. For this reason, the President's Council and Dean's Council supported an experiment of extending office hours for Admissions, Bookstore, Business, Financial Aid and Registrar's

Following a review of student use of services during the extended hours the President's Council decided the following:

1) For the remainder of the Fall semester, starting Monday, October 11, offices should return to the 4 p.m. closing time with the provision that, if requested, offices will meet with individuals who cannot arrange to be here between

2) For the remainder of the Fall semester, offices will make Saturday hours available on a by-

semester, and for following semesters, we will return to coverage until 6 p.m. (Monday through Thursday) starting a week before the semester and lasting for two weeks into the semester.

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By Stacy Patterson

Six freshman Lyndon State College scholarship recipients honored their teachers at a luncheon on October 12, 1999, held in the Burke Mountain Room. These awards were presented to teachers who made significant contributions to the student's high school success.

The students that were chosen to be participants in this ceremony received one or more of the following: LSC Scholars Award, CV Starr Scholarship, Foundation Award, and/or an Academic Scholarship. All of these scholarships are based on academic performance and community involve-

Moriah Carney, of Canaan, Vt., honored Ms. Debbie Lynch, teacher of family & consumer sciences at Canaan Memorial High School.

Nick Cowdrey, Belchertown, Ma., honored Ms. Nancy DiPilato, teacher of Spanish and a class advisor at Belchertown High School.

Christy Gould, of Ryegate, Vt., honored Mr. Glen Hatch, soccer coach at Blue Mountain High School.

Justin Moss, of Elgin, Quebec, honored Mr. Greg Edwards, teacher of English at Chateagay Valley Regional in Ormston, Quebec, CA.

Kristie Roberts, of Poultney, Vt., honored Mrs. Amy Thivierge, teacher of English at Poultney High School.

Leslie Sykes, of Derby Line, Vt., honored Ms. JoAnne Vana, teacher of mathematics at North Country Union High School.

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Students, professors evaluate GEU

By Lindsay Taylor

Almost three hundred students are involved in the GEU program this semester, but some are unhappy with the new requirements.

Some students dislike the Friday afternoon class meetings. "The absolute worst time to hold this class," said freshman Celeste Hackett. These meetings pose major inconveniences to those students who are employed, participate in athletics, or go home for the weekends.

According to Jon Fitch, Professor of Psychology and major contributor to the development of the new GEU program, "[there] is a real need to do some revisions; kind of significant revisions for the next time around." Though the GEU committee hasn't "talked in any systematic fashion about [GEU 101]", it is clear to Fitch, after receiving feedback from students and teachers, that the structuring of the course needs further attention.

The GEU committee will most likely respond to the apparent problem with Friday afternoon

meetings by scattering class meetings over the course of the schedule, rather than having all sixteen sections meet in one time slot.

The content of the Friday meetings is also in question. In a November 22nd open forum held to discuss GEU 101, freshman Marina Cole likens the class meetings to "group therapy". Many students feel that most of the two hour class period is spent discussing what is irrelevant material. Freshman Nicole Pellerin said, "Academically, very little is accomplished."

Students are not quizzed or tested on their required readings for the class. Students must also pay ten cents per page to copy these required readings "Why bother when we are never tested; never asked to write about [the readings] again?" said Cole.

Fitch feels that there needs to be more of an academic focus on the class. Students enrolled in GEU 101 in the fall of 2000 will most likely be given an anthology of required readings at the beginning of the semester. They will no longer have to collect dimes for library copies.

In addition, students can expect to be tested on the readings or assigned a relevant project. Hopefully, this will add more of an academic feel to the class.

Continuing to work closely with Director of Student Activities Frank Doldo is also a top priority for Fitch, in order to ensure an even balance between social and academic punchcard activities. "We have more of the social/cultural activities than academic activities. It's going to be important to develop a clear variety of academic activities," said Fitch.

He commended Doldo, and said that, "[He has been]very helpful in willing to assume responsibility for something that is brand new."

Another criticism of the course is its apparent lack of consideration for the needs of non-traditional students, specifically as they try to find the time to fulfill the punchcard requirement. Cole, who is also married and has a small child, feels that, "the GEU [101 class] makes it very difficult to be a non-traditional student.

Punchcard activities often start at 9pm and run as late as eleven. My son goes to bed at eight." Many non-traditional students would like to see their punchcard requirement waived, or have activities scheduled earlier in the evenings or on weekends.

Recognizing that these students have different needs than those coming directly from high school, Fitch said that GEU 101, "right now [is] a 'one size fits all' course, and that doesn't really work. There is a need for us to respond to the adult learner group."

Although specific changes aimed at meeting those needs have not yet been formally determined by the committee, non-traditional students enrolling in the fall of 2000 will hopefully find activities and class meetings scheduled, "at a range of times more convenient for the commuter." said Fitch.

The slack time between classes also concerns Fitch. He describes the course as "front-loaded". The first and second major activities are three to four days in length combined. The dance, convocation, and punchcard activities also represent GEU 101 class time. If the course were to meet three times a week for fifty minutes in addition to the out of classroom activities, this would be in excess of the amount of time spent for a normal three credit class.

During the development of the course, Fitch and his colleagues grappled not only the scheduling of the class, but the amount of time that needed to be spent in a classroom to fulfill the number of hours needed for completion of a three credit course. The decision was made to have students meet every other week for two hours.

Fitch now regrets that decision, and favors regular class meetings, rather than meetings that are conducted two or three weeks apart. "We don't have a chance really as a group to gel and get to know one another, so we've got to change that," said Fitch. He concedes that this will be a difficult change due to the workload issue

Fitch and the rest of the GEU committee will formally address these problems in the coming

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Faculty limits presence of President Moore and Dean Tero

By Alexandra Carlson

At a recent faculty assembly meeting, Lyndon State College faculty members voted to limit the presence of administrators at faculty assembly meetings to fifteen minutes. Prior to the decision President Carol Moore and Dean of Academic Affairs Paul Tero attended the meetings for the entire duration.

In a memo to President Moore and Dean Tero earlier this month, Cynthia Baldwin, Faculty Chair, said the decision was made for two reasons: "First as a response to the administration's seeming indifference to faculty participation in decision making. Second, the faculty's sense of the current relation between faculty and administration does not promote a sense of security in open discussion, and, for untenured faculty in particular, the assembly provides a space for faculty to securely discuss the

issues that face us."

Tero said he was not surprised by the faculty decision but that he did have mixed feelings about it. Tero responded to the faculty security issue by saying it hasn't been his practice to use the opinions of faculty against them.

Psychology professor Jon Fitch said he thinks members of the faculty needed a safe forum for discussion but that he's "always felt there were channels open for talking".

Although Moore said she doesn't think it's the most productive action, she does respect the faculty's desire for their own time.

The purpose of faculty assembly meetings is to make academic decisions regarding changes in curriculum and decisions about who graduates. While administrators are not required to be at the meetings, they have been informally invited in the past.

Decisions like the one to excuse Moore and Tero are nothing new either. Professor of English Kurt Singer, who has taught at Lyndon State for thirty-five years, said past administrators would attend for the first fifteen minutes to field questions from the faculty and then they would leave. He said that Moore and Tero were taking too much time.

Moore has since invited the chairs of the faculty assembly and faculty and staff federations, the president of the student association as well as the deans to a meeting next week designed to extend communication from the administration to other bodies on the LSC campus.

While some faculty members insist the relationship between the administration and staff is tense, Fitch said he's convinced the two will work together effectively.

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Fire alarm response may not be up to snuff

This is written in regards to the fire alarm on Tuesday, November 16 in the Whitelaw dormitory. To my knowledge, the alarm began to ring at approximately 12:40am, EST. The alarm was shut off at approximately 12:55am, EST. This is an alarm length of approximately fifteen minutes. This is unconscionable.

According to MSNBC's weather report for the Saint Johnsbury area, the lows were in the teens to low twenties. EXCITE's weather report stated that the temperatures for the same area and the same time were 18-20 degrees. Now, for poorly attired students who literally threw on anything within reach, this kind of weather is terrible. Frankly, fifteen whole minutes after this alarm, my fingers, ears, nose and toes still burned with wintry pains.

I am very concerned with Security's and the RA's attitudes toward the student body. While we felt the frigid gusts chill our very souls, some of our collective persons hollered their unhappiness. An angry Security person came out through the side door of the Whitelaw building, and yelled, "Shut up, or we're going to start writing some fucking people up. "Needless to say, the disgruntled students voiced their displeasure even more loudly than before.

I have lived in Whitelaw for three semesters now. Last semester the dorm was plagued by false alarms, mainly due to the unsafe cooking facilities. I cannot recollect an alarm where we were treated so poorly, nor one where we were kept out of doors in such hostile weather for so long. Upon chastising the students for their unruly behavior, the three Security guards present trucked over to the Arnold/Bailey dorm, without a single explanatory word.

No RA was dispatched to quell the angered mass of students. No RHD took the time to tell us what it was that was taking so long. Many students mused aloud that it seemed as though this delay was solely a response to the noise that escaped our icy throats.

Were we being punished? Was there an actual technical problem? Whatever the reason was that this fire alarm rang for so long, I sincerely feel as though the residents of Whitelaw deserve an honest apology for the reprehensible behavior of the RAs, RHD and Security. I believe that we have suffered a wrong, which only compounds upon the many reasons why Lyndon is favored by few, and laughed at by many.

Feel free to contact me about any of these statements. I must say before closing though, that I am curious as to how the administration expects students to give them their full trust and respect, as this display was one of blatant disrespect to the residents of Whitelaw.

Erin Fogg

Starving at Lyndon State

Most colleges generally have an abundance of food options on campus. Some larger schools have fast food restaurants and cafeterias bigger than our Stannard gymnasium. However, at Lyndon State we cannot even begin to wish for these luxuries. All we have is the small and cramped Dining Hall to compliment the even smaller and more insignificant Snack Bar. Choices in both locations are minimal, leaving students to rely on regular Price Chopper runs to satisfy their appetites. However, remember to buy things that are microwaveable – the school seems to think that we are incapable of using the stoves properly.

Microwaves are foreign to the Wheelock residents, unless of course they provide their own. All this dorm has is stove that looks like it belonged in the 1940's. It sits in the basement collecting dust when it should be in a museum. Now why do the Stonehenge buildings have a microwave in every suite and Wheelock does not? The students in both places pay the same amount, yet the Wheelock residents are not offered the same option of the microwave. Then there is the fact that these microwaves recently replaced stoves. Why? Because stoves were a fire hazard. Next thing you know someone will decide microwaves are a fire hazard and they will be taken away as well.

So the stoves are history, and who knows what the future will be for microwaves. If taken away, there is only one more option - Aramark.

Every student that lives on campus is required to have a meal plan anyway, so they might as well make good use of it. Go into the dining hall and make a sandwich with room temperature meats and condiments, or scoop some company-leftover ice cream. Even better, let an Aramark employee dig you out some french fries with ungloved hands. Hey, don't forget to get some of the leftover

chicken patties from two nights ago. Delicious. Maybe the milk won't be sour today either, it is always an adventure at Aramark – an adventure to find properly cooked or unspoiled food. Students pay quite a bit of money to come to this institution. One would think that the food quality would be better than that of a third world country.

Money is rather interesting when it comes to food. For example, look at the difference in room and board rates between the 1997-1998 school years to now. In fall of 1997 and spring of 1998, the cost of a double room and a full meal plan was \$2543.00 per semester. Then for the next school year the room and board costs were \$2603.00 per semester. This school year room and board rates are \$2649.00 a semester for both fall and spring semesters. The costs continue to rise, yet the food quality constantly heads further downhill.

If the food in the dining hall fails to satisfy us, as it often does, students then head to the Snack Bar to get a cheeseburger or some other all-American food. Although greasy, the food generally hits the spot. However, there are only a few workers and the lines for the Snack Bar tend to be rather lengthy leaving the people at the end of the line to wait quite a while before they are served.

Delivery is an option, but not if you want something warm and fresh. Food that is ordered to be delivered does not get to its destination for approximately half an hour, sometimes even longer. Still, delivery is not available every night. Sometimes during the week there are not enough workers to allow one of them to be on delivery duty, and there is never delivery available on the weekends. Granted this is a small campus, but if there is a delivery option, it should be available during operation hours in the evenings of every day of the week, weekends included. What is most

interesting concerning delivery is the fact that operations from off campus are not allowed to deliver to the campus. Aramark has a contract saying that there shall be no other deliverers besides them. If Aramark was able to deliver promptly (after all, this IS a small campus), and deliver every night, then the idea of no outside deliveries is somewhat feasible. By having outside companies deliver, money is filtering into Lyndonville and St. Johnsbury where money is needed. If Aramark cannot put all our money to good use, then at least let the students order edible food from off campus.

Finally, Aramark needs to figure out what the people like and cook it properly. Students should leave comments for the comment board in the dining hall because they do always get read, bad or good. Maybe eventually the food will be edible and even good again. On a positive note, I must say thank you to Aramark for the deserts, most specifically the ice cream bars. Then again, most people cannot mess up vanilla ice cream and chocolate syrup.

Jessica Yeamans

Is it the beginning of the end?

Mark Twain once wrote, "The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who does not read," or something like that. It is a credo well worth living by in the halls of university.

Having said that, it seems to me a shame, and perhaps a sign, that Professor Jim Doyle's position in the English department will not be filled any time in the near future. Many people have voiced their opinions on this, ranging over a variety of subjects and factes of the debate. I would like to take a pragamatic approach to the issue.

Doyle taught Classics, by which I mean Greek and Roman literature and mythology. The Western tradition holds the writings of these two cultures in such high esteem that it's possible to say our entire tradition is based upon our conception of their canons more than anything else, perhaps even the Bible. The Greek and Roman modes of thought were modified in European, and later American, modes of thought. Their basic principles became incorporated into every facet of Western thought; even the great early Christian theologians, such as Augustine, felt it necessary to talk about Chirstianity using Greek epistomology.

Therefore, in studying Western literature, one must have, at the very least, a basic understanding of Greek and Roman literature, thought, and mythology. These cultures stand as the base that our tradition stands upon.

Letters to the Editor

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Down Charles



ften, I can be seen wandering the halls of our esteemed academia with what is commonly referred to as a "coffin nail" dangling, unlit, from my lips. It's an ugly site, one that mothers often hide their children from and grown men shudder in terror at. I'm referring to the cigarette, of course.

Why I do this is beyond me. I think I might have an oral fixation of some kind. Even when I was but a wee stripling knee-high to a grasshopper, I used to chew on pens until their contents would explode all over my face, covering my teeth in blackness. Fortunately, now that I have my cancer sticks, I cover my lungs in blackness, eliminating the possibility of such dumb questions as, "Damn, Jay, what happened a pen explode in your mouth or something?" (I've always wanted to answer "Nope, just rat blood from my afternoon snack" - I hate obvious questions).

I would never encourage anyone to smoke. It's a filthy, disgusting habit. My clothes constantly reek of smoke, my food perpetually tastes like smoke, and my teeth are a wonderful shade of stained yellow. That being said, I'm an addict, probably no better than a crack junkie is.

Being conscious of such things, the obvious question becomes this - why continue to smoke? Why continue to suck carbon monoxide into my body, taking ten years off my life and poising everything and everyone around me?

The simplest answer would be - for the safety of everyone around me. A smoker deep in the throes of nicotine fits is a dangerous thing. I'd rather face a heroin addict who hasn't had a fix in just under seventy-two hours, just got fired from his job, lost his wife and kid to the family aerobics instructor, found out he's going to be audited for the next twenty years by the IRS, and will be having root canal work done tomorrow instead of a smoker who needs a cigarette. Keep this scenario in mind if you happen to run into me and I ask if I can bum a butt.

But another answer would be that I like it, plain and simple. The sensation of the cloud of milky-white stuff flowing down my throat, the resulting numbness in the trachea and slight light-headedness - if there is a heaven, and God

lets me in, I hope it resembles the feeling of the first cigarette of the day.

And no, I don't smoke for the taste, as many people have asked me. If people smoked cigarettes for the flavor, there would be nicotine-flavored ice cream. And yes, I know it takes ten years off my life. I'd like to point out that it's the ten years at the end - or as I like to refer to them with so much affection, "The Depends Years."

What non-smokers don't understand about smokers is that we are addicts. Guilty rich liberals and politicians are always speaking of their sorrow and pity for the inner-city crack addict, and how he needs to be helped to kick his habit, but I don't hear much sympathy for smokers. We're "evil", in a sense. We get relegated to the smallest corners of restaurants and bars, we are herded like cows into small, unventilated rooms to choke on each other's habits, and the medicinal industry tries to sell us "smoking cures" that are more expensive that cigarettes in the long run. Looked at the price of Nicoderm CQ lately? I dare you to check out the price tag - but only if you don't have a pacemaker. Oh, and on the subject of The Patch - don't bother. If I stuck an empty one on my body, I'd probably recharge it, or some such thing.

What I'm calling for is a greater understanding between smokers and non-smokers. I can understand that if you don't like the smell of smoke, that you don't want to eat in the same section as us. That I can appreciate. And I can even understand not wanting us to smoke in certain places indoors. But I can no longer tolerate being treated like a second class citizen. One of the hottest topics in politics, and on college campuses today, is discrimination - acrossthe-board hatred of African-Americans, Hispanics, gays and lesbians, the eldery - and it's true, there are small-minded morons who will actually hate someone on the basis of their skin color, sexual orientation, age, or some other useless categorization instead of their flaws as a person. But no one's talking about the discrimination against smokers. So please - be a little more considerate. That's all I'm asking, and I promise I won't smoke while you try to eat your steak.

If you take away the courses that Doyle taught, then the ground upon which the English department stands disappears. And if the ground disappears, how can a structure stand? Doling out his courses to other professors in the departmet is not an option; they are overloaded with courses as is, and while I have the utmost respect for all the professors in the department, I must honestly say that I don't know if any of them are specialized enough to be able to teach the courses.

Unfortunately, if the English Literature program falls apart, then so does the Journalism and

Writing program, the Secondary English Education program, a portion of the Liberal Studies program, the GEU . . .

What is seems to me is that a re-definition of the Liberal Arts program as a whole is on the horizon, and that the English Literature program as we know it does not fit into that re-definition. If it is the desire of the powers-that-be to re-define, then do so - just please tell us so we're prepared for the end of what many of us hold dear to our hearts.

Jason Scherer

Pellerin denied promotion, refuses to seek it in future

By Bradley Ross

An associate professor at Lyndon State College has decided not to seek promotion after his applications for full professorship were denied. Applying twice for this senior position and having been denied each time, this professor has been left with a feeling of disenfranchisement by the applica-

tion processes.

Dr. John Pellerin came to Lyndon in 1989 with an extensive background in Chemistry, fresh from several appointments at various colleges. He came to Vermont leaving behind a tenured position at the University of Connecticut, which he had held for thirteen years. A native of Vermont, his move to Lyndon State was a homecoming of sorts. Hired initially as an Assistant Professor of Natural Sciences, he applied for and was given early promotion.

In 1993, after three years on staff, he was granted promotion to Associate Professor. The Dean of Academic Affairs at the time, Rex Myers, said of Pellerin in a memo to then President Peggy Williams, "He is truly a master teacher worthy of senior status at this institu-

tion."

Again seeking to advance ahead of schedule, Pellerin applied for full professorship in 1997. According to Pellerin, he served in many activities of service to the community and campus, including an active role on the Accreditation and Academic Standards Committees, statistical analysis work for both the college and a community organization and as a teacher at CCV and a mentor in the local school system.

Pellerin's application for full professorship states he pursued scholarly work in developing an online chemistry course for CCV, and completed a laboratory manual now for sale to students, as well as serving as an editor for a chemistry publication.

However, his first application for full professorship in 1997 was denied. Asked by the administration to apply again the following year, he touched up his application

and tried again in 1998.

In 1998 the Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee, composed of five members of the faculty, approved Pellerin for promotion to full professor. In their letter to his personnel file, they cited his almost completely positive student evaluations and letters of recommendation from peers on the faculty at LSC, and stated that they felt that "Dr. Pellerin's service and scholarly activities meet the high quality and continuous and increasingly responsible standards for regular promotion."

Once approved by the committee, his application made its way to Paul Tero, Dean of Academic Affairs. While agreeing with the committee that Pellerin's abilities in the areas of teaching effectiveness and service to college and the community merited promotion, he disagreed with the Committee. According to Pellerin, Tero said he found him "wanting". Tero wrote in a memorandum to Carol Moore, "material in [Pellerin's file] does not indicate that Prof. Pellerin has maintained a continuous and increasingly promotion to full professorship.

President Carol Moore, in an April 1999 letter to Pellerin confirmed the denial of his application.

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The administration has since urged Dr. Pellerin to reapply. However, in a memo to Carol Moore and Paul Tero, Pellerin stated that "that ship has sailed". Pellerin no longer seeks promotion at LSC. He said that no longer devotes his energies to pleasing the administration but to his efforts in the classroom.

Members of the student body have also taken interest in his promotion. Unbeknownst to him, this fall a group of students started a petition for his promotion. In speaking of this petition and the students behind it, Pellerin becomes misty-eyed, again and again saying that he was humbled by the outpouring of support.

"I feel that I've been mistreated, misled, and lied to," said Pellerin. He terms his relation to the administration and college as disenfranchised. He has resigned from the many committees for which he served, in order to pay attention to his own interests rather than "those of the administration." Pellerin is quick to point out, though, that his disenfranchisement is from the administration, not from the students. His devotion to his students and the classroom transcends his quarrels with the administration.

"My students will continue to receive good value for their money," said Pellerin.

teacher at CCV and a mentor in the local school system. responsible contribution in the area of scholarship." Thus, Tero did not recommend Pellerin for LSC ranks high in student debt

By Chris Austin

U.S. News and World Report published an article on September 6, 1999 that stated Lyndon State College as the leader in the northern region of Liberal Arts colleges in debt collected by graduating students. The article states that 88% of graduating students have a debt load and the average amount of debt per student is \$24,551. These statistics do not include loans acquired by parents of the students.

According to several sources this article in U.S. News and World Report is factual, but misleading.

These numbers raise two questions: why does Lyndon State cost so much per student? And since support and tuition are roughly the same at each school, where are the other Vermont State Colleges on this list?

"As a state Vermont chooses not to support higher education in comparison with other states, therefore the burden shifts to the individual student," said Tony Lolli, Lyndon's Dean of Enrollment Management. The cost for individual education is about the same for public and private schools in any region of the country.

The reason Lyndon ranks so high in debt accumulated by graduates is that Vermont's legislative bill is poor in covering student cost. "Fifteen years ago the Governor tried to get legislature to increase money given for higher education. Legislature said no. Now Governor Dean is trying the same thing and only time will tell if he is successful," said Lolli.

Private institutions benefit from endowments left by past graduates and lucrative scholarship programs are more widely available to these students. Public institutions such as the schools in the Vermont State College association do not have these benefits.

Lyndon State ranked number

one in the North in debt incurred but there was no mention of the other Vermont State Schools who have practically the same aid and cost as Lyndon State. Tonya Bradley, Director of Financial Aid explains this by saying, "Lyndon State completed the survey after a time consuming process including many calculations. LSC included all debt, counting debt from other schools brought here by students and the Perkins Loan, a loan setup by Lyndon State only."

"Not all colleges count debt in the same way, there is an operational definition that needs to be agreed upon " said Lolli.

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Penny Howrigan, Johnson State's Director of Financial Aid said, "We (Johnson State) weren't on the list in the article because our Financial Aid Department didn't complete that particular survey."

Langer to appear on CD, premier new works

By Stacy Patterson

Kenneth Langer, associate professor of the Fine and Performing Artsprogram at Lyndon State College has just had one of his compositions, "Rising Forth," included on a new CD called 'Bonehenge.' The CD was published by a Seattle, Washington, trombone quartet called 'No Bones About It.' This quartet has been around for about ten years, but this is their first CD.

Langer received praise for earlier work he had written for the trombone quartet. In gratitude for their kind words, Professor Langer wrote another piece, "Rising Forth," just for their ensemble. "Rising Forth" is a composition that starts out as a solo and then develops into a fugue. The piece develops into a faster rhythmic work that slowly changes from a quiet thoughtful piece into a triumphant ending. The LSC Samuel Read Hall Library will soon have a copy of the work for anyone interested in listening to it.

On May 7th at 3:00 p.m. in the Montpelier Unitarian Church, Langer will be giving a composition recital that will feature several performers playing many of his works. The recital will include a solo piano, a viola and piano, and a set of songs for voice and piano. There will also be a twenty-minute recital for the chorus, the organ, handbells, and soloists. The chorus will include several area schools and church choral

In June Langer will be joining the Montpelier combined chorus as a singer, soloist, and conductor. The choir is made up of singers from several central Vermont church choirs. Each year the combined chorus asks Langer to compose a new composition so that they can premiere it around the world. The piece he has written this year is called "Listen to the Chorus." The group will perform in churches and venues throughout London and Wales. It's the third piece he has written for the group.

Langer has worked at LSC for the last seven years and in that time he has written over thirty new works. Other works that have premiered at LSC were "Missa Unitas" and "The Valdemar Experiment."

Langer will be taking a sabbatical from LSC during the spring semester. In March, he will be composer-in-residence for two weeks at Kent State University where he will help prepare the premiere of his work commissioned by Kent State for a wind ensemble and chorus.

Reaccredidation delayed, committee members resign

by Renee Sayers

Lyndon State College's reaccredidation has been delayed a year due to numerous curricular and faculty changes. In addition, several members of the faculty reaccredidation committee have resigned. At least one former committee member said he could not support the college's reaccredidation efforts.

Reaccredidation, which determines the merit of a college's credits, takes place every ten years. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges sends a committee of eight individuals to visit the campus, and establish whether or not the college meets certain outlined standards. The criteria include academics, faculty, finances, and integrity.

Before reaccredidation occurs the college must write a self-evaluation. The self-evaluation is a collaborative effort taken on by a college committee of faculty and administration. According to Bruce Berryman, Acting Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and committee member, "The self-evaluation shows the [NEASC] committee [the college's] strengths, weaknesses, and what we need to do to improve the school."

Richard Moye, a former committee member and professor of English, had concerns towards the delay. Moye felt the self-evaluation "strongly reflected what was happening at the school." In a year, Moye stated "that the school will become bound up in these changes and the self-evaluation may not reflect honestly what is happening."

Last year after NEASC saw the self-evaluation a year delay was

proposed. Berryman stated that "The school is in the midst of changes, and the delay will allow things to settle down." Berryman also thinks that in a year NEASC will get a better look at "how the college has implemented the changes."

Following the delay more than half the college based committee

Moye felt he "could not support the college on the reaccredidation front." A strong advocate of the liberal arts program, Moye felt that the school was "gutting the liberal arts to focus its attention on the new GEU program."

With less than a handful of members left on the committee, the school must now write another self-evaluation. When asked what will be the changes from last year to this year, Berryman says "the implementation of the new GEU program and the new mission statement."

With the GEU program in full swing, Moye comments that" in a year's time there should be significant improvement and I do not see any significant improvement."

As tensions and anxieties about the changes increase little seems to be getting done. Moye feels only less attention will be given to the liberal arts as the "school continues to ignore the diminishing departments."

While Berryman sees the school's "concentration evenly distributed with respect to all standards." Berryman states "that the only changes in the self-evaluation will be updates and improvements."

Rising health care costs and the future of VSC large concerns for interm Chancellor

by Jason Scherer

Bob Clark, Interm Chancellor of the VSC, held an open forum on Monday, November 29th in the Burke Mountain room. Clark follows Chuck Bunting in the position and took office early in November and held the forum to answer any questions people might have had

might have had.

Clark, who is deeply involved in the strategic planning currently being done by the VSC, said that the recent open forums the Board of Trustees held at the colleges helped the Board to learn more about people's opinions on the proposed changes in the VSC mission statement, vision statement, and proposed plan of action. Some terminology and veribage was changed in a few documents after debates over the meanings of certain terms. Clark remains confindent in the plan the various committees have proposed.

"We won't look the same 20 months from now," said Clark. "We're going to change significantly as a system and enhance our exisiting strengths." Clark also commended Carol Moore for keeping LSC's strategic planning in close parallel with the VSC's. "You need to support Moore because she'll take Lyndon in the direction we need to go, and please be very vocal in your support," said Clark.

Part of the plan involves not starting any new construction projects at any of the colleges over

LSC foudnation has new officers, members

By Stacy Patterson

The Lyndon State College Foundation elected new officers and members at its annual meeting in October. The LSC Foundation is a volunteer organization that raises money to fund scholarships.

The Foundation Nominating Committee identifies the individuals and who are elected to office by the board. The newly elected president is Lorna Higgs, the vice-president is Keith Chamberlain, the treasurer is Barry McCormick, the secretary is Lynda Morgan, and the LSC liaison is Judy Beautyre

The new members of the Foundation are Robert Burnham and Sharon Reihmer.

and Sharon Reihmer.

The LSC Foundation
Scholarship is for first-year students from the Northeast
Kingdom who have demonstrated
academic potential and community service in high school and have
financial needs.

the next three to five years, instead spending the funds on deferred matience that, in the opinion of many, needs to be taken care of.

Another issue of concern to Clark raised at the forum is that of rising health care costs in Vermont. While the nation's health care costs will rise only 5% to 7% for FY '01, Vermont's costs are projected to rise roughly 30%. Many blame the dramatic increase on what some consider to be a monopolistic health care system here in the state. "And on top of that, hospitals here in Vermont are only collecting something like 56 cents on the dollar," said Clark.

The reason for this concern is that these rising costs will translate into a 2.1 million dollar increase in the cost of the health care plan offered to VSC employees. Clark also pointed out that the cost of health care has risen from roughly 1.8 million dollars in in FY '90 to a projected 9 million dollars in FY '01, an increase of 408%. The projected 2.1 million dollar increase is after employee contribution assumes no change in the number of people insured by the VSC, which is roughly 1400.

Many at the forum expressed disbelief and concern over these figures. "We'll have to gut the entire system just to pay for it," said Metin Yersel, Professor of Physics. The operating budget of the VSC is roughly 63 million dol-

As part of a way of keeping costs down, Clark has instituted a system of evaluation for any positions in the VSC that become open. Presidents of the colleges will have to consult with the Chancellor's office before filling any vacancies, though the presidents will have final say on filling faculty positions. "After all, we beed to keep maximum dollars on serving the students," said Clark.

Yersel believed the strategy will be ineffective. "Not filling a position here or there isn't even going to make a dent in these costs. We need more support from the state" said Yersel

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When asked about the persis-

tent rumours that the liberal arts programs in the VSC are going to be cut as a part of the new strategic plan, Clark replied "There is no effort to reduce the importance of liberal arts at LSC or in the VSC. In the new mission statement, four out of five of the bullets deal with the liberal arts." Clark believes that the liberal arts cannot stand alone, and are a part of everything, and that the intergreation of professional studies is an important step. "It makes no sense to have someone who may be educated but no employable, or the other way around. It needs to be both," said Justin Hart, Trustee from Lyndon State College.

New professors enjoying LSC and Vermont, ready for challenge

by Adrienne Graf

This year at LSC, two new faces have joined the faculty. Heather Keith is the new philosophy professor and Susan Koons Slamka has joined the psychology team. Each is eager to add to their departments and share their knowledge.

Heather Keith has come to Lyndon State after spending the last three years working for East Tennessee State University. She has a BA in Philosophy that she received from Nebraska Weslyan and an MA and a PHD from Southern Illinois University. Currently, she is teaching three courses in philosophy and one GEU, Representing the World.

Originally from "flat and plain" Nebraska, according to

Keith, she is enjoying the new terrain that Vermont has to offer. This is her first time venturing up to New England and so far, she likes what she sees. A fan of the outdoors, Keith is excited about the forthcoming winter. She also likes the small town feel and the close community that Lyndon has to offer.

Keith has been interested in philosophy ever since she can remember, even if she didn't have a name for it as a child. She credits her parents for letting her think for herself and never tying her to one set of beliefs. Her father is also a college professor and her mother went through college studying philosophy at the same time as Keith did.

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She has always enjoyed asking questions and making people think in the abstract. To Keith, philosophy is a not necessarily about getting answers, but about taking a risk in asking a question. What she wants to pass on to her students is critical thinking that leads to growth.

Heather Keith has had nothing but positive comments on her first semester at LSC. She enjoys her classes and gets along well with the students and faculty. She plans to stay as long as she is needed and her only goal is to help people understand and enjoy philosophy. Susan Koons Slamka is fresh out of Central Michigan University with a Psy-D in clinical psychology. Her dissertation was focused on the cognitive aspects of Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder, which she worked on for four years. She has an undergraduate degree from Bloomsburg University, and has a minor in Spanish. This semester marks her first full-time teaching job and she is happy to be at Lyndon. She is currently teaching two Human Development courses, Intro to Human Services and Mind and Body Consciousness.

Recently married, Slamka and her husband reside in Saint Johnsbury and are enjoying their first experience of Vermont life. They like the friendly atmosphere and what the area has to offer. Slamka is also pleased with the community at LSC. She feels that the staff gets along well and she likes the chance she has to get to know her students. With smaller classes, there is more student interaction that creates a pleasant learning environment.

Although Slamka's main focus is clinical psychology, she has decided to focus on teaching for the time being. She has further developments for the future and plans to open a practice down the road, but would like to work mainly with students right now. As far as the basis for her interest in psychology, Slamka simply said, "I always knew that I would work with people in one capacity or another." She did so by interning at a community mental heath clinic in New York State where she did individual therapy, group therapy and psychological assessments. She learned valuable lessons on how to help people that she currently hopes to share with her stu-

Similar to Keith, Slamka is also optimistic about LSC. She is enjoying her job and had adjusted well to a new environment. She and her husband are looking forward to winter activities and she is ready for more semesters to come.

Crossword 101 By Ed Canty " Life's Hurdles " ACROSS 1 Rude person 5 Fictional elephant 10 Dress 14 _ Romeo 15 Elicit 16 Blood: prefix 17 Split 18 Buenos 19 Certain collar 20 MS follower 21 Gets a head start 23 Dish 25 ___ borealis 26 Takeoff 28 Billionaire Bill 30 Hackneyed 31 Parches 32 Dr. Seuss' cat appare that a shame 36 Pitt & others 37 Alone 38 Droop 36 Last in a Dr. Seuss series 4 Tell on 39 Thunder sounds 5 Beholder's eye contents? 37 "Yes, yes Mario" 40 Dried the dishes 6 Can you spare __? 39 Singer Perry 41 Greenbacks 40 Desire 7 Belch 42 Fails to catch the ball 8 Great serves 41 Terminals 43 Plan 9 Tells again 42 Stuff 46 Fundamental 10 Malone's bar 43 Instant replay: abbr. 47 Blind trust 11 Release 44 Mummified 50 Select 12 Love affair 45 Initiated into the frat 53 Greek pasta 13 Actress Reed 46 Flora and fauna 54 Casting mold 48 Mortgage agcy. 21 Green gem 55 Greek portico 49 Highly excited 22 Colors 56 Track gathering 24 Senate Majority Leader 51 Prince Charles' game 57 Dealt a blow to 26 School grp. 52 Stretched tight 58 Rights org. 27 Diva's song 55 Swedish airline Co. 59 Ends' companion 28 Wall St. visual aid the Horrible Quotable Quote 29 Helps 61 Pub serving 31 Tow by force 32 Children's game "Advice is what we ask for 33 Out of harms way when we already know 2 Heavy stew 34 Roosevelt and Kennedy the answer but 3 Descendants wish we didn't.

Cross-country competes in Wisconsin, Ummer honored

By Stacy Patterson and Susan Gallagher

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On November 20th, LSC women's cross-country competed in the NAIA National Cross Country Championships in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The LSC women raced a 5K course (3.1 miles) and finished 23rd out of the 28 teams. This finish was the highest by any school in New England, male or female.

Six out of seven runners had personal best times. Jennifer Quirion was the fastest LSC runner, finishing 90th with a personal best of 19:31. Harvest Fadden came in second for LSC at 20:44, Belinda Clarke came in third at 21:05 and Katie Murray came in fourth with a time of 21:08.

Andy St. Amour and Randy Feeley of the LSC men's cross-country competed in the nationals individual competition. The men raced an 8K course (4.96 miles) and both finished with personal best times. Andy finished with a time of 26:44 and Randy finished with a time of 27:12.

Cross-country coach Chris

Ummer was named Mayflower Conference and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Region Ix/X coach of the year.

... Erica Jong

"I was very honored by the national award for a couple of reasons," he said. "First, it was good timing since this has been LSC's most successful year for women's cross-country. And, second, it was a great honor to me to stand up at the nationals with the coaches selected from the other five regions. These are all the coaches I look up to. It makes you feel as though all the work you put into the team throughout the season and off-season is worth it and doesn't go unnoticed."

This is Coach Ummer's first national award and third Mayflower Conference award in four years. In 1996, he was named women's cross-country coach of the year and in 1998 he was men's cross-country coach of the year. The regional award this year is especially meaningful to Ummer because the region has been redefined an covers a larger area.



"Congratulations on your new position, Mary," Jones extended his hand and shook his new Dean's hand quickly.

"Thank you, sir," She nodded slightly and left his office.

Nomad stepped out of the next room's doorway, "Morale seems to be improving. So much is in a title."

"Yes, isn't there. And for you, Ms. Nomad, what shall your title be?" Her face glowed.

Kate rounded the corner into the library wing and saw a familiar form taking a nameplate off a door. "Mary?" Kate asked cautiously.

"Oh, hi Kate," the custodian said hap-

"What's up?" Kate asked, pointing at the now-empty nameplate holder on the door

"I got promoted," Mary held up the new nameplate. "I'm the new dean of custodial services, library."

"That's great; did you get a pay raise or anything?"

"Well, that's the funny part. I'm now a grade 19 administrator, which is a pay scale from ten to eighty grand a year. I'm at the low end of the scale."

"How low?"

"The bottom, but I can work my way up, and I have this cool new nameplate to put on my closet."

Kate nodded, "That's great, Mary.

Wait a minute, that makes you an administrator, right?"

"Yup."

"That means you're now exempt from receiving overtime pay."

Mary's jaw dropped. "I hadn't thought of that."

"But I bet Jones did."

Mark and Jim looked like law students with mounds of books, notebooks, and worn-out pencils laying before them. The living room, once home to the "dew cave" now resembled a library. "This is insanity," Mark said, his finger on a line in student handbook, part four.

"What's it this time?"

"Under the prohibited from the dorms section, `Alcohol paraphernalia: any liquid that could be used to mix with alcoholic beverages."

Jim looked up after picking his jaw off the floor, "Then Dew really is illegal on compute"

Mark nodded soberly.

With twenty minutes before the senate meeting, Kate paced nervously in the empty conference room. Mark and Jim still hadn't told her their plans for the evening, and not knowing worried Kate. She didn't need them sitting in the meeting in full MDM garb professing the stu-

pidity of the administration for banning Pepsi Co from campus.

Senators started trickling in a few minutes later. Most never gave Kate a second look as they found their places and doublechecked their watches. Jim and Mark came when the room was about halfway full. They both carried very full, and heavy looking, hiking-sized backpacks. The three sat together, and aside from a notebook each, Jim and Mark left their backpacks unopened.

A student known only to Jim and Mark as "the guy in the front who sucks up to the administration" walked over to Kate from the other side of the room. "Hi, Kate."

"Jon, haven't talked to you in a while. How'd the liposuction go?"

He smiled thinly at the jab. "Coming back to senate, Kate?"

"Maybe." She smiled back.

She's a pro, Jim thought, watching
Jon walk back across the room.

"Kate Morgan's planning something," Jon whispered to his vice president when he sat down.

"How do you know?"
"She's never that nice to me."

Kate was accepted as a senator as easily as Jim and Mark had been. They sat through the drudgeries of the meeting, perking up just once for a report on how a group of students had petitioned to get some state money dumped into the school. Kate commented quietly while Jon spoke loudly about this great accomplishment, "They'll hire a new dean to manage the money until none of it trickles down to the students."

The very next thing on the agenda was the welcoming of a new dean, assistant dean for outside financial resources analysis. Jim and Mark kept quiet through the meeting until the "other business" section. As soon as Jon said "-ness,"

Mark's hand shot up.

"Yes, uh-

"Mark."

"Mark."

"Well, I'm not sure if everyone here is aware of the situation on campus, but we're living under totalitarian rule and don't even know it." As the few awake people perked up, Mark reached into his bag and pulled out the handbooks. "This is the unabridged student handbook. The ones we all have, as you may know, don't include all the rules. For example, one line says you cannot cook in your dorm rooms, another says you can have a microwave. So unless you're using your nuker for a coffee table or bookshelf, you can be fined."

Another senator, an especially faithful to the system RA, interrupted Mark,

Check it out on the web! www.geocities.com/mtdewman.geo

"I've never written anybody up for that.

No one would."

"I believe I have the floor," Mark shot back, stopping the RA cold. Procedure was weak and rarely enforced, especially by a new senator. Jon's eyes were crossed, focusing on the pencil balanced on his nose rather than the meeting. "Thank you. Another example, from the alcohol policy, states that if you have non-alcoholic mixable beverages, they are in violation. That means your soda, your fruit punch, your water, they're all illegal in the dorms." Mark pointed around the room for emphasis.

Half an hour later, Jim finished his part of the presentation, "We have the legal right and the moral responsibility to contest these policies that oppose our constitutional rights. I move that we form a task force to present a list of corrections to the student life office for the handbook, and that we talk to an independent lawyer, such as one from the ACLU, for consultation."

Kate spoke for the first time that meeting since getting elected, "I would like to second that."

"Call to question," three voices called out. Aside from the vice president and the RA, the vote was unanimous.

"I guess sending the SB to the meetings was a good idea after all, Mr. Jones," Nomad concluded after she finished reading the transcript of the meeting.

"What do we know of these two senators?"

"They both joined the Editor a few months ago, wrote a few stories, including some on Mountain Dew Man. They are obviously out to get the college."

"We'll watch them closely."

Between schoolwork and research,
Jim and Mark had little time for anything
else, let alone running a superhero outfit.
In addition, Mark was working twenty
hours a week so he could replace the
Topaz in a more permanent fashion. His
parents had an old clunker, a step above
the Topaz, and were lending it to him for
the rest of the semester after the "acci-

The weeks flew by as the research against the college's student handbook mounted into as many pages as the five volume set. Aside form occasional snarls from Nomad or Jones in the halls, they'd been left alone by the administration.

Kate, on the other hand, was under constant attack as CIC of the Editor. The paper had become a weekly thanks to a large infusion of student senate money. With blow by blow descriptions of the administration's debauchery and the ways senate was handling it, Kate was taking equal amounts of praise and hostil-

ity from the faculty and administration, respectfully. Members of the faulty who'd long since stopped fighting the administration began making noise. Three faculty had already "resigned" effective year's end and others were denied tenure or full professorships. But they kept making noise, forcing Kate to change news pages into letter pages.

But the work that scared everyone the most was Mark and Jim's research. The reverberations were felt all the way to the Chancellor's office. All eyes were on Jones.

Jim and Mark had taken up residence in the Student Senate office to the chagrin of Senate President Jon who liked his office, but the advisor had pulled strings out of fear for them attacking him. The senate had voted to allow them the special access for workspace and a dedicated computer. Jon complied and got them keys from maintenance. In the first week of April, with a ten-page single space, compressed-font list of demands, the senate passed Mark and Jim's list of recommendations and forwarded the corrections in policy to both Jones and the ACLU, with the really illegal stuff highlighted. "Don't worry," Nomad told Jones as he fumed over the document. "We'll revise the handbook this summer to make these students happy. I can bring in a team of lawyers to make "corrections" on almost everything. We'll have to change a few sections according to their suggestions, just enough to make them happy."

Jones's mood brightened, "You know, Provost Nomad, I don't know what I'd do without you around."

Somewhere in the shadows of an office somewhere, a man listening to a radio screamed.

"President?"

"Why not? You can't do any worse than Jon. With him graduating, there's no clear successor to his throne. Besides, people know you now, and I can run some stuff in the Editor for you."

"Isn't that a conflict of interest?"

Jim asked.

"Well...technically, yes, but just barely."

"I'll think about it."

Three weeks later, with finals looming, Jim won the election for Senate
President. Mark easily won his senate
seat, while Kate decided to stay out of politics for her last year at the college.

Yeah, right.

continued from PAGE 1 months, during GEU 101's semester long hiatus. The alternating semester trend will likely continue for the next few semesters, to allow for evaluation and revisions to the program so that it effectively satisfies the needs of all enrolled students.

The GEU took the place of the now retired General Education Program (GEP). The new program is comprised of core classes that according to Fitch, focus on providing for a more "well rounded" student. Emphasis is placed on an appreciation for cultural activities, connecting the student with the college, and providing an understanding of basic skills necessary for college level academics. The ideal end result is a student that can effectively solve problems, think critically, and reflect on themselves and the environment that surrounds them.

The "core education" program at Lyndon is reviewed and evaluated by NEASC: New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The organization is responsible for upholding high standards of education at all colleges and universities in the northeast region. A number of years ago, the people at NEASC advised the college that the time had come to revamp the old General Education program, and design a new one that not only accomplished its goals, but also met the growing educational needs of students.

Lyndon responded by forming the General Education committee. The committee polled LSC faculty, tracked and identified the growing trends in core education, and closely studied the programs of over forty other colleges and universities ranging from Middlebury to Harvard to Keene State. After four years of substantial research and development, the committee's final proposal was passed, and the new General Education Program at Lyndon was implemented.

The GEU is divided into four sections: Divisional Core, Divisional Choice, Unrestricted Electives, and College Skills. The divisional core is composed of four classes and each relate to four areas of general learning: Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. The divisional choice section of the GEU allows the student to choose classes that relate directly to the subjects found in the divisional core. Unrestricted

electives give students a chance to pursue personal areas of interest.

According to Fitch, these areas of the program seem to be going extremely well.

Within the "college skills" section of the GEU, lies GEU 101: Academic an Community. Participants must attend a first major activity at the beginning of the semester, followed by a second major activity mid-semester. The major activities are designed to bring the student closer to their chosen discipline through field trips and special events. Fitch feels that this part of the course seems to be very successful and said that many students have reported positive "activity" experiences.

101 participants must also attend convocation and a "Celebration of the New Semester" dance held during the first week of school. In addition, those enrolled in the course must attend five "punchcard activities" and write a report summarizing each activity.

Guidelines must be followed when attending a punchcard activity. Two of the five required activities must pertain to the performing arts arena, and two must be of an academic nature.

Finally, students must also complete three written assignments and are not allowed any unexcused absences. There are seven GEU 101 meetings scheduled over the course of the semester, taking place from three to five PM on most alternating Friday afternoons.

an Academic Community is not an average three-credit class. Its format strays radically from New Student Seminar, a class that many have used as a comparison. NSS was not a required course, whereas all incoming freshmen and first year transfer students must enroll in GEU 101. This is also the first time that on-campus activities, including punchcard activities, the "Celebration" dance, Convocation have been considered requirements.

Although she has complaints, Cole concludes that GEU 101, "has a lot of potential". She also appreciates the level of communication between students and faculty. "When I was in high school, we could complain all we wanted, but nobody would listen. At least people here are willing to listen and make some changes."



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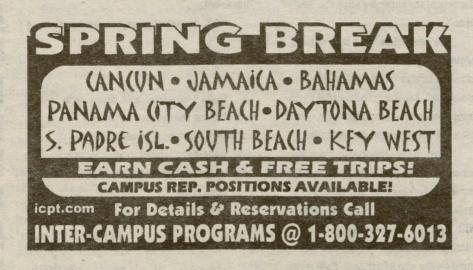
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Winter Blues Breaker

by Jeremy Perkins

White and blue helium-filled balloons filled the air of the Stannard Gymnasium, and the room was decorated as a prommight be. The A.M.S. Winter Ball took place on January 29, 2000, from 8 - 1 p.m. Couples and singles dressed formally for this very classy event designed to beat the winter blues.

The American Meteoro-logy Society (A.M.S.) sponsors and puts on this Winter Ball every year to help fund their trip to the Northeastern Storm Conference in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. The annual conference is, according to Dina Freedman (A.M.S. Public Relations and Activities Officer), "the largest student run meteorology program in the country", and this year is its 25th anniversary, running from the 10th to the 12th of March.

Despite fund raising, though, L.S.C. A.M.S. members still have to pay between \$50-\$80 a piece to attend the event. On average 200 - 350 people, including professors and storm researchers from the northeast, and sometimes further away than



Trevor Bevens and Jason Furtado take tickets.

Despite fund raising, though, that, to attend this student L.S.C. A.M.S. members still planned and student run affair.

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When asked how effective a fund raiser the Ball generally is, Dina replied hesitantly, "we break even." A.M.S. paid for everything but the catering, which the college picked up. . . The food was tasty, showing that ARAMARK can prepare good eats when they want to - or get paid enough - and tickets were \$10 for singles and \$18 per couple ahead of time; they went up \$2 at the door. \$300 worth of local business gifts certificates were given away at he gala, and the turn out was pretty good too. According to Dina, there were around 250 people in attendence, which, in recent years, is a

As Pamela Grube, the A.M.S. advisor, said, "it's a great event." It's a great way to break the winter blues.

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Will V.I.T. Invade LSC?

By Sarah Robbins

One of twelve Vermont Interactive Television (V.I.T.) sites, located at St. Johnsbury Academy, is in need of a new home. The videoconferencing service has been using space at the Academy ever since they left Lyndon State College back in 1989. In order to keep V.I.T. in the area, the group is requesting proposals for vacant space. As of February 1, L.S.C. may become V.I.T.'s new home, once again.

Vermont Interactive Tele-vision makes it possible for people all around the state to be connected via satellite. This service is extremely useful for businesses, the government, and schools.

The administration at L.S.C. believes V.I.T. could benefit the staff and students on campus. According to Dean of Administration, Wayne Hamilton, "I think there is a desire on the part of the Administration to have it here and we will work to put something together to make it happen". The satellite link would make it possible for the Administration to attend Vermont State College meetings without driving for hours and could also bring special speakers into the classroom.

A proposal has been submitted to the Campus Planning Committee re- questing several spatial changes. If the proposal is excepted, many offices on campus will be affected in order to accommodate V.I.T. Possible plans of action would be to vacate the InformationTechno-

logy offices by the mail room, dismantle the T. N. Vail Museum and move it (along with security) to the Alumni House, or shift around the current offices in the Alumni House.

The proposal for change has plagued the faculty with mixed opinions, some of which stem around the dismantling of the Vail museum. The museum, which is currently located next to the security office, was established in memory of Theodore Newton Vail in November of 1976. To many people who were around when the college held classes in the twin tower mansion it will be an emotional event. Richard Boera, former Dean of Administration, shared his thoughts about possible the relocation of the museum, "I'm really sorry about the fact that it is leaving the site of the real mansion, it hurts". Despite his personal feelings, Boera realizes there is a desperate need for space. He will be working closely with the Administration to

Along with the change will come a need for cash. Hamilton stated, "If this were the proposal and if we were to move the museum over there [Alumni House] the total cost would probably be somewhere between seventy-five and one-hundred thousand dollars. This soft figure would be necessary in order to bring the second floor of the Alumni House, now used for storage, up to life safety regulations. The proposal issued to V.I.T. will ask for

insure the careful dismantling

and reconstructing of the muse-

a contribution of a substantial amount of the lump sum.

Hamilton also believes there are opportunities for fundraising, if need be.

V.I.T. has received a proposal stating that we are interested in accommodating their needs, but they could decide to decline. The Administration will be working hard to organize the details of the plan in order to complete the transition with ease. If L.S.C is chosen by V.I.T all office transitions should be completed before July 1, 2000.

USC Strategic Initiatives

by Renee Sayers

The Vermont State College Board of Trustees initiated a 6month planning process because of what they claimed was the continued pressure from private and public colleges. The emphasis of the planning was to keep tuition from rising.

On November 5th, the planning process ended, and the trustees approved a set of 11 strategic initiatives. These initiatives, which will be implemented within the next 18 months, include: increasingenrollments; strengthening employee and community relationships, revenues, administrative services, and programs; developing assessment and budget plans; and ensuring program quality and institutional system effectiveness.

During the last six months, the V.S.C. board of trustees focused on reevaluating the organization of the Vermont State Colleges. They concluded that there is a need to improve service to the

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students and communities.

According to Update, a publication for the employees of the Vermont State Colleges, the "intensive strategic planning process" is designed to "'reposition' the colleges for continued growth over the next decade." Each initiative will be carried out within the next year and a half and be overseen by a college president and V.S.C. trustee.

However, some in the V.S.C. have voiced concern towards the future of the liberal arts programs. Robert G. Clarke, Interim Chancellor, and known for his support of technical education, holds strong to the V.S.C mission statement. "For the benefit of Vermont, the Vermont State Colleges provide affordable, high quality, student centered, and accessible education, fully integrating professional, liberal, and career study." The initiatives will change V.S.C. and, according to Clarke, "the initiatives will enable the colleges to be more responsive to market demands and more flexible in the ways [the V.S.C] meet those demands."

Spring Production in the Works

by Sarah Robbins

The Twilight Players have chosen Joseph Kesselring's "Arsenic and Old Lace" for their second production of the New Year. The show, which will be performed in April, is a 2-hour long, comical murder mystery.

In November of 1996, a boiler exploded near a storage room where costumes, props, supplies, and scripts were kept. Due to the asbestos and smoke damage, the Twilight Players were forced to regroup and raise money to replace the lost items. The student run club hopes this play will be a success and will help them get back on their feet.

They have enough money this year to rent costumes and display promotional advertisements in the Caledonian Record, and "Arsenic and Old Lace" will hopefully put the club back on the map. They are predicting a large turn out from both college students and the community. If all goes according to plan, students from Lyndon Institute will be invited for a special performance.

Those interested in joining the production, who do not want to act, should contact technical director, James Currier, ext. 6598. Director Amber O'Hara says, "There are lots of things to do." The club needs help with painting, making props, and building the stage.

L.S.C. Bookstore Announces Winner

The Lyndon College Booktore annouces that Jennifer Robinson is the winner of the efollet.com Win Free Books Giveaway.

The promotion encourages students to order or reserve text-books using L.S.C. Bookstore's efollet.com website (www.lsc. bkstr.com).

The L.S.C. Bookstore is one of 630 efollet.com partner stores that gave away a combined total of more than \$140,000 textbooks to college students nationwide.

efollet.com has been named

"the smartest place to buy textbooks online" according to Yahoo! *Internet Life* magazine.

Each student placing an order or reservation between November 1999 and January 2000 was eligible to win free textbooks. - Raymond DuBois

News From I.T.

by Jamie Keough

According to Linda Hilton, Assistant Dean for Information Technology, 30 computers in L.S.C's dorms were shut down from the network several weeks ago because students neglected to register their computers properly.

However, those same students were reconnected within the next day or two so they can properly register. Computer registration is required under the Resposible Use Policy that is listed in the student handbook.

The network has had other problems. Four computers crashed the network because they were attempting to download.

Also, the mp3 website Napster.com has been shut down for two reasons. The first being that the V.S.C. believes it was consuming too much of the network traffic, and the second being that downloading those mp3 files is considered copyright infringement and is illegal. Since the college was aware of the existence Napster.com on their network the college was open to being sue for illegal activity.

Information Technology is urging students to cooperate with them. If anyone has any ques-

tions or concerns contact Linda Hilton by e-mail: hilton@mail.lsc.vsc.edu.

A New Club On Campus

by Sarah Robbins

Diversity Drama, a new club on campus, is trying to get students ready for life after college. Once people leave the cozy confines of Lyndon State College, they will be faced with many issues never before encountered. The Diversity Drama club is a theatre group dedicated to helping people recognize diverse issues. The club incorporates different techniques such as play production, story telling, and puppet shows into a worthwhile educational experience for the LSC community. So far, thirteen students have become involved with the group and have learned about a variety of cultures.

Paul Larochelle, Wheelock RHD, believes "It's important" for people to be aware of how diverse the "real world" really is. This semester, the club would like to teach people about folktales from different cultures as well as focus on serious topics such as homophobia, racism, sexism, and religion. Anyone who is interested in learning more should contact Paul Larochelle at extension 6330.

Spring Break in Nicaragua

by Renee Sayers
During April vacation, a selected
group of 11 Lyndon State
College students will travel as a
brigade to Nicaragua. Among

Phi Delta Kappa Support Oxfam America

Lyndon State College students once again took part in Oxfam america's Fast for World Hunger. Over 100 students donated a meal which resulted in a check for \$425, which was donated to Oxfam America. This event was coordinated by the fraterinty, Phi Delt Kappa, working closely with ARAMARK on the LSC campus. (See picture below). - Bob McCabe



From left to right: Sharon Delio (Assistant Manager of ARA-MARK), Nick Trudent, (President of Phi Delta Kappa), Sean Tymecki, and Matt Ghirada.

the students attending the Compas de la Primavera are Paul Larochelle, Mike Weems, Katie VandeGriek, Krista Raspe, Kady Bodge, Kate McCarthy, Sara Stallworth, Mike Woodward, Dave Bruce, Caleb Tobin, Lori Vincent, and the coordinator Danielle Gerrior.

The New England-Nicaragua construction brigade's fundamental objective is to build a greater solidarity with Nicaraguans.

Since 1980 Nicaragua's efforts to create a new society have brought many foreigners into the country. Us citizens continue to work in solidarity with Nicaragua. To the Nicaraguans, the work brigades bring needed assistance, and show others their internal struggle. The brigade has the unique opportunity to experience the Nicaraguan people, and bring back to the United States an eyewitness account of

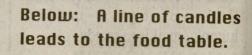
their lives.

After flying out of Boston the group will lay over in Houston then fly into Managua, the capital of Nicaragua. From Managua they will bus to Solentiname, the final destination. In Solentiname the group will live and work in a collective environment. Being one of the poorest nations in the hemisphere, Nicaragua offers a perspective on living that is seldom witnessed in the mainstream media.

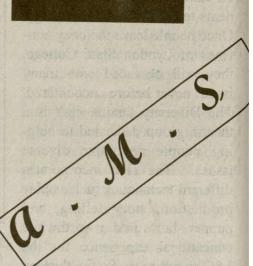
The group will perform manual abor at least four days of the week, which leaves the other days open for travel and meetings with various grassroots organizations.

Katie VandeGriek thinks "the trip will be a learning experience for all of us. We will be able to see a new culture that we know nothing about."

Below: Anna Cavallaro and Sara Roy pose as perfect examples of elegant Winter Ball attire.





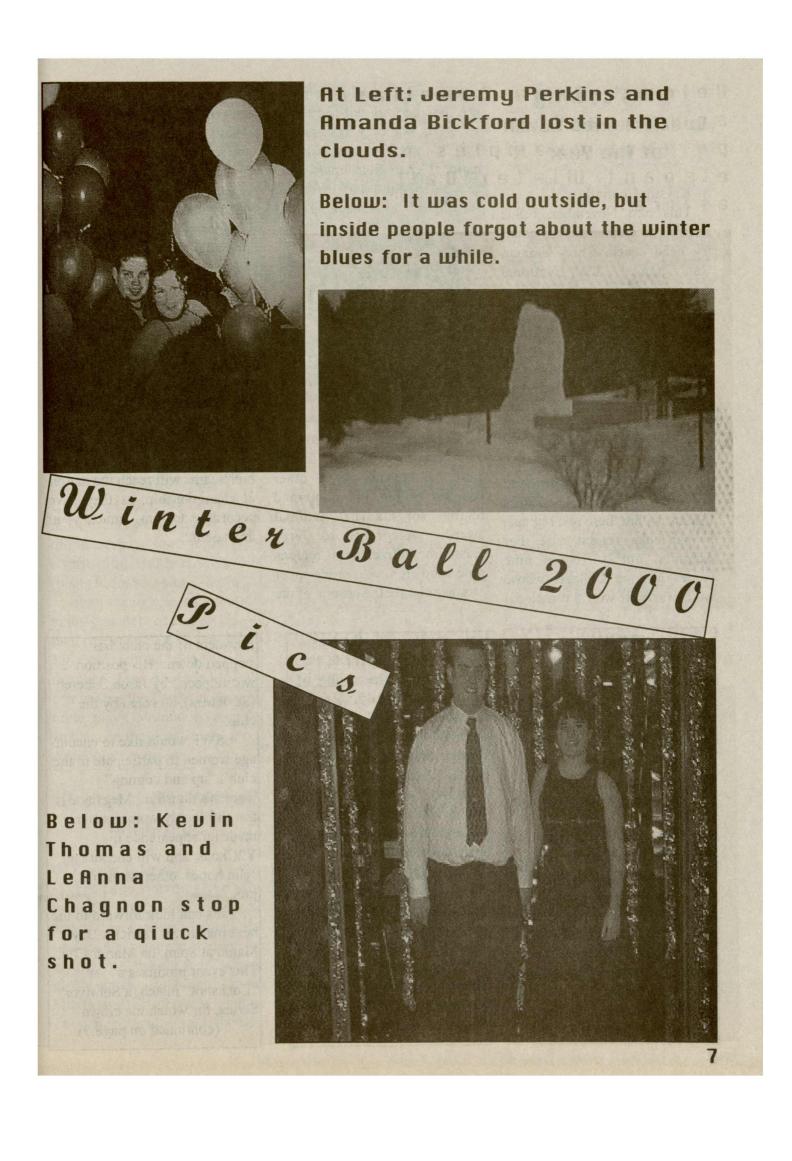


Below: Sean Duffy and Marissa Brown show off their coordinating leopard outfits.



At Right: LeAnne Chagnon and Amanda Bickford in entrance walkwau.





Cross Country Coach Named Coach of the Year

by Krystin Connolly

This past November, L.S.C men's and women's cross-country head coach, Chris Ummer, was named the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (N.A.I.A.) coach of the year for regions nine and ten, combined. The award comes after a very successful season in which Ummer coached two highly talented teams; he guided the women's team to the national championships, held in Wisconsin.

"I guess I was surprised because of the quality of coaches that are within these two regions, in particular region nine. For example, out of region nine comes Malone College, whose women's team won the national championships," said Ummer. I was honored. I felt very good about it, not only because the L.S.C. women reached the national championships for the first time, but I felt that I did some of my best coaching with



women this year," he added.

Ummer was selected from a field of twenty-eight other coaches within the combined regions for his first national award. According to Terry Hasseltine, director of regions nine and ten, Ummer's peer coaches choose the criteria of the

award. "Some say it's winning, and others might say, 'look at what the team has overcome,' "she said.

"The award shows how far L.S.C. cross-country has come in the last 5,6,7 years," said Ummer. Taking over the women's team in 1993, he has guided the women to two runnerup district (now called regional) titles, a regional win, and an appearance at the national championships in 1999. He has coached the men since 1995, leading one team to the national championships and three to regional runner-up status. Looking toward this fall's season, Ummer is "fairly confident" both teams will reach the national championship, as they have, according to him, "much youth and talent."

Y2Chaos

by Jeremy Perkins

LSWF's Y2Chaos hit the "ring" on Friday, February. 4th, making freshman John Lacroix's dream a reality. "I remember my back-yard federation at home," he reminisced in our interview.

When he first took the idea of a L.S.C. (commercial) wrestling club to the college, he didn't think it would take, but ever since the LSWF's (Lyndon State Wrestling Federation) first event, Lyndon State Slaughter (Dec. 10), the clubs has been an immediate success.

Y2Chaos, the club's second event, saw the addition of two

new wrestlers into the ranks, St. James and Anaconda, which brought the number of club members to 17.

And, after Y2Chaos was over, four more signed on: Wedge, Sanchez, Z-Money, and \$2 Man.

Also, a new drug policy was in effect for Y2Chaos, stating that any member caught under the influence of drugs during a show or practice will automatically be dismissed from the club. This was a voluntary stipulation made by LSWF.

Unfortunately, Sargeant Hump a.k.a. Haze won't be performing anymore; Isaac Sargeant, former Vice President of the club, has stepped down. His position was relpaced by Jason Scherer (St. James), as voted by the club.

LSWF would like to encourage women to participate in the club's "up and coming" women's division. Megabyte, the club's only woman's star, made an appearence in Y2Choas, and will encourage, John hopes, other women to join.

Fans can look forward to the next match, St. Patrick's Day Mania at 8p.m. on March 17th. This event promises a "Cockshot" match, a Survivor Series, for which the crowd (continued on page 9)



From left to right: Ryan "the Masshole Lawless"; Simply Studly; Amatol; Perfectly Studly, Test Tickle; and Haze.

gets to pick wrestlers, and a Hardcore Casket Match. Two more events should follow for this semester: April Anarchy (April 15th), and May-Hem (planned for sometime in May).

John Lacroix, in addition to being president of and playing duel roles (Test Tickle and Big Johnboski) in the LSWF, is a member of the ARAMARK committee, the Earth Day committe, plays Intramural Soccer, and sits on the Senate Judicial Appeals Committee.

Women's Basketball Round-up

by Krystin Connolly

The Lady Hornets came back from Christmas break ready to play. In the last thirteen days, the women have played a grueling eight game, mostly road, schedule, which included three Mayflower Conference games. They fared pretty well though, going 2-1 in the conference, and 4-4 overall, bringing their record to a winning 9-8.

The first weekend back from break, the ladies traveled to Maine to take on Thomas College and the University of Maine at Farmington. In the Thomas game, the Hornets were handed a 69-58 loss, after leading 33-24 at the end of the first half. Jen Garcia led Lyndon with 17 points, and freshman Becky Hilton turned in 11, each making three-point three According to coach Dave Mellor, "The game was closer than the final score. We sent them to the foul line in the last minute of the game."

The next day, the Hornets were handed another loss, this time from Farmington. Farmington led at the end of the first half by a score of 36-21 and never looked back, taking the game 65-52. Leading the way in scoring for the Hornets was Hilton with 14 points.

The women received a twoday break after their weekend trip, and it helped. They took a big conference decision over Notre Dame in Manchester, 57-52. Maggie Scott led Lyndon with 19 points, 11 of them coming in the first half. She also amassed 13 rebounds, finishing the night with a double-double. Combining with her, for a total of 28 rebounds, were Erica Page and Jen Garcia. Sabrina Matthews also helped the cause, netting 13 and going seven-foreight from the charity stripe. Coach Mellor was pleased with his team's win, calling it a "good victory on the road."

On January 20, the women finally got to play a game at their home court, standing in against the Fighting Saints of the College of St. Joseph's. Unfortunately, the Hornets suffered another loss at the hands of CSJ, 87-57. But they played hard against a "very talented team who is the consensus pick to be conference champs," according to Mellor. Lyndon came out strong in the first half and took a 26-23 lead into the second. The lead did not last, though, as the Fighting Saints took control of the second half and shot well. Sabrina Matthews led LSC with 10 points, and Jen Garcia notched three threepointers to finish with nine points. Erica Page and Maggie Scott combined for 20 rebounds. "L.S.C. showed that they could play with the St. Joe's team, but we need to do it for a whole game," commented Mellor.

The Lady Hornets were once again on the road after taking on Becker College, who is only in (continued on page 10)

their second year as a four year institution, in a Saturday afternoon affair. The Lady Hornets came out of the gate fired up on offense, opening up a 14-0 lead in the first five minutes, and never let up, winning the contest, 76 - 32.

Coach Dave Mellor was very pleased with his team's continuous aggressive play. "If you get a big lead early, it's tough not to let up and play sloppy. Try to do the same things all the time, regardless of the opponent." He went on to add, "practice things you are going to do in other games other than just scoring more points."

The Lady Hornets the evened their record at 8-8 as they took on St. Mike's and Hampshire College.

In the first contest, the Lady Hornets traveled to Colchester to play the Purple Knights and dropped a 54-49 decision. The women played hard in the first half, ending it with a nine-point lead. However, being the team's sixth game in eleven days, poor shooting prevailed in the second half as a factor in the loss. "It was a fairly close game throughout," said Mellor, "and very few turnovers by either team." Leading the Hornets were Maggie Scott, Jen Garcia, and Ashley Golden, all with 10 points. Nine of Garcia's ten points came from three-pointers. Erica Page, Faith Claflin, and Maggie Scott combined for 27 rebounds, and Sabrina Matthews had six assists.

The Hornets traveled to Amherst, Massachusetts on Jan. 26 for a game against Hampshire College. The competition was sparse as the LSC women jumped out to a 43-4 lead in the first half and continued their assault in the second, winning 94-14. According to Mellor, there was "balanced scoring" between his team members. Lyndon had four players in double figures: Amanda Post (22), Kim Kangas (18), Maggie Scott (18), and Becky Hilton (17). Post was 11-for-16 from the floor, and Kangas sank all four of her three-point shots. Combining for 21 assists were captains Sabrina Matthews and Jen Garcia. Post and Scott combined for 22 rebounds, Scott with 14, giving her another double-double.

Rounding out the month, Lyndon traveled to South Lancaster, Mass. to take on conference mate Atlantic Union College. The Hornets picked up a big win in a very close game, 71-65. The contest was a "seesaw battle" said Mellor. team led by more than five or six points." Lyndon had a 41-39 lead at the end of the first half. Jen Garcia led the first-half scoring, sinking four three-pointers. Maggie Scott had eight secondhalf points, for a team-leading total of 19; she also had nine rebounds. Sabrina Matthews had 10 assists for the game and two key steals in the last two minutes of the contest. Atlantic Union was held to just two points in the final 4:45 of the game, as Mellor saw the key to a "good win on the road" come in the last three minutes, as his team "executed quite well." He also commented: "we helped ourselves out by good three-point shooting. That was the difference in the game." AUC only made one three-pointer.

Men's Basketball Round-Up

by Krystin Connolly

The Lyndon State men have fared pretty well since coming back from break. Coach Mike Maxwell's team has amassed only three wins, but he "can't say enough for how hard his guys are working." The men began the new semester at Elms College and have played in mostly away games, making the home advantage almost null. Joe Layn was out due to flu for the Elms College game, only having a couple chances to practice. Maxwell felt these two things hurt his team the most in the 87-67 loss. The rest of the team picked up in Layn's absence. Ira Wheeler, Peter Camp, and Jim Nelson each scored 12 points, and Randy Rathburn netted 11. Leading the way in rebounds for the Hornets was Ira Wheeler with 9. Peter Camp also had 5 assists.

The men went on the same weekend trip as the women on the fourteenth and fifteenth and came home empty-handed. In the first game, against Thomas College, Joe Layn, back from the flu, scored 16 points. Right behind him were Shane Garceau, Peter Camp, and Ira Wheeler, all with 15. Wheeler also led the Hornets with ten rebounds, which gave him a double-double. Maxwell felt the biggest factor in the 80-72 loss was that Thomas held Jim Nelson to just two points; he is usually a big scorer.

The next day's game featured a match-up with the University (continued on

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of Maine at Farmington. Ending the first half with a 45-26 deficit, the Hornet men knew they would have to pick up the pace to catch up, and they did, outscoring the Beavers 51-38 in the second. This would not be enough to win, however, as the Hornets lost 83-77 to a "very good team," said Maxwell. Joe Layn led LSC with 22 points; Jim Nelson had 20, and Peter camp managed 16 points.

On the fourth game of this road trip, the Hornets traveled to Manchester, New Hampshire to take on conference foe, Notre Dame. Feeding off of tough play in the previous game, Lyndon came out strong and rode on to an 88-79 win. Four Hornets scored in double figures: Joe Layn(25), Jim Nelson(19), Peter Camp(17), and Shane Garceau(11). Maxwell commented that his team "played the game with a lot of character," hitting 20 foul shots and 7 threepointers.

In what Maxwell called "the most disappointing game," Lyndon lost their first home game of the new year to 0 and 11 College of St. Joseph's, 64-61. The Hornets jumped out to an 11-2 lead in the beginning of the game but could not hang on. According to Maxwell, "they (CSJ) have some very athletic kids. The problem for us was Troy Burke, who had 24 points for them." Eric Bogie led LSC with 15 points, and both Layn and Nelson had 11.

Then the Hornet men then came home to face Becker on the 22nd. The two teams matched each other basket for basket, until Lyndon managed to open up an 11-4 lead. The lead would

not hold however, as Becker began to pick up the pace, tying the game at 14. Becker then went on a 5-0 run and hit three consecutive three point shots, making the score 47- 23 by the end of the first half.

But LSC continued to play aggressively, resulting in a heated scuffle at the nine-minute mark and player technical fouls for both teams.

In the last five minutes, Becker continued to bring Lyndon to the line, and the Hornets managed a 12-4 run. But it wasn't enough, as the final was 77-60.

Lyndon picked up a win on the twenty-sixth, though, when they traveled to Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts. With and "all around team effort," said Coach Maxwell, the men were able to dispose of their opponents, 72-56. Jim Nelson and Shane Garceau each had a double-double for the Hornets.

Nelson had 18 points and 11 rebounds; Garceau managed 12 of each. Joe Layn was not far behind his teammates, as he netted 11 and came down with nine rebounds. Atlantic Union College was the next opponent for the Hornets. The men were bound and determined to take the conference game, and they did, 69-59. Jim Nelson managed 25 points, netting five straight three-pointers; he was six for eight from three point range for the game. Both Joe Layn and Peter Camp had 14 points. Lyndon was nearly perfect on both ends of their game. Coach Maxwell said his team "played the best game all year," against a "very athletic team."

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Some Thoughts on the Common Cockroach by Jeremy Perkins

As we move into February of the new millennium it seems as though one craziness has replaced another. Although this article won't discuss the Gore/Bradley hissy fits, Keyes' sermon on the New Hampshire mount, Bauer's sappy reminiscence of the Reagan years, Forbes' cartoon-like head blabbering on about whatever it is he blabbers about, or McCain and Bush's Royal Rumble, we can safely say that the New Hampshire Primaries had all of the makings of a fable by The Brothers Grimm. But let's stop a minute and remember what took place (or didn't) just a short month or so ago. That's right, the Big Bug scare had everyone's knees knocking. But it's over now, and nothing happened. So, we can safely move into the next insanity (the presidential election), wondering to ourselves, will this be pandora's box?

But is the bug gone? It is true that the little cockroach (and I say cockroach because people scream and quiver at the site of one, yet the insect is actually quite harmless - it's just a little gross to look at and spreads diseases, but who doesn't?) hasn't chewed through the economic infrastructure or the technologically dependent mass driven media highways; and the IRS (bless their hearts) bravely negotiated the bug-infested hysteria without flinching or sacrificing auditors to angry bug-gods. But, can we all take a deep breath and return to (if indeed we left) our humdrum lives, looking forward to tax day as we always have?

There are some out there that would make you wonder. Like the company that sells a Y2K Bug Spray over the internet. That's right. Let all of your worries about giant computer-date eating cockroaches be gone in one chemical-laden mist. It's even guaranteed. Actually, this product was put out as a joke to counteract all of the pre and post-millennium madness. The scary part is that my Y2K compliant neighbors, who had been stockpiling plastic spoons and army surplus dehydrated freeze-dried potato powder for 6 months, actually believed it worked. They bought a half dozen cans, and bugged (no pun intended) to do the same. Some people will believe anything.

The same site, http://www.y2kbs.com/default.htm, offers a free download to "fix your life with real solutions." Put all your ducks (or cockroaches) in a row, so to speak. And, I can tell you from experience that it's no gimmick: why, I remember that one time my knee fell off from walking up and down the outside Sam Read Hall Library steps too many times in one day. I downloaded the free software, and it put my knee back on and boosted my reading comprehension skills too. Now I'm ready play rugby and Jeopardy at the same time.

But there are some serious questions, like will Y2K Baby Boom in take place late August or early September? Also, will sneaky (but not sneaky enough), sweating, trembling, nervous, white, almost middle-aged female Americans get their Arab playmates to sneakily build bombs for them and attempt to sneak those bombs over the boarder into desolate, relatively unpopulated, and not very likely a terrorist target, Vermont? Lucky for us, famed (if not incredibly obscure) author Jason Kelly tells of such apocalyptic images in his book, Y2K — It's Already Too Late. This self-published (no, really?) title has sold more than 60,000 (oh my God, no, not that many) copies in the United States since its June 1, 1998 release. It presents a post-millennium end of the world view. Apparently, no one has told Kelly that the millenium has come and gone without any apocalypse or leveling of the world (well, my cat started barfing that night, but I think it just got into the peppermint schnapps), because he's still trying to sell his book on the net. In fact, you can own this little beauty for only \$12.57 at Amazon.com (see http://www.y2kbook.com for the link). (I have yet to pick up my copy).

And fear not ladies, there's a book out there for you too. Karen Anderson, author of (continued on page 13)

Y2K for Women, attempts to explain the year 2000 problem to women. (Since when did the

Y2K bug become gender specific?) Anderson claims that most of the current Y2K web sites are written by men and tend to be focused on how to try to "fix" the problem. She says that "Y2K for Women doesn't deal with the technical side of the Y2K problem, it focuses on the practical side of the problem - where the rubber meets the road" (http://www.y2kwomen.com). Where the rubber meets the road? Yeah, sure, o.k. - the practical side not the technical side - what is this woman, on crack? Of course men (and women) are trying to "fix" the problem. They did. That's why we're not living in Jason Kelly's fantasy world (we're just living in Clinton's).

I'm sorry. That was uncalled for. After all, thanks to foresight and wisdom of our great and beloved executive in chief, the ICC (Information Coordination Center) was formed. You know, that brilliant group of Koskinen and crew who were supposed to gather information on the Y2K problem and develop a brilliant solution. But what did they actually do? Good question. No city turned into Beirut. No chemical plants exploded. Even New York City, which resembles Beirut in some places even in the best of times, made it through the rollover, no sweat.

But let's not talk about the ineptitude of Clinton or his agencies. Let's take a deep breath and thank God it's all over. There are still some crazies out there, like my neighbors of crack-pot authors, but it's going to be O.K. - at least that what I though until I watched the New Hampshire primaries on CSPAN. Now I'm thinking that maybe God is trying to destroy the world. Maybe He was going to trash the world all along; maybe Y2K was just the beginning. Maybe two angels from Wisconsin will travel to New Jersey in search of a way back home and end all existence as we know it. Or, maybe Orin Hatch, and his last-minute running mate Satin, will win the election. Oh my God! (Let's all now put our hands on our cheeks and scream Home Alone style.) What's my neighbors' number again? Maybe I could borrow a spoon, or some bug spray.

Down and Out at L.S.C.by Jason Scherer

From the diary of Jason Scherer, February 14, 2001

We've been under seige for almost two weeks now. Our AOL Campbell's Chunky Sirloin Soup is almost gone. We're down to instant coffee and AOL Pop-Tarts now. Everyone's getting a little edgy; Alan had another "episode" today. Fortunately, morphine is one thing we've got plenty of, and we calmed him down for the rest of the night. My AOL-Coleman gas lamp is hardly enough to write by, and my hand is cramped with cold. Those bastards cut the power and heat to our offices yesterday. They're through playing hardball. We haven't had a financial consultant bother us in almost two days. I'm guessing they'll bring in the lawyers next. Good thing I have plenty of ammunition left. How did things get to this point? It's insane. I should be at home right now watching television. I think "The AOL Cavalcade of Sports" is on AOL 1 right now. I miss my five channels. Then again, how could I possibly want to watch TV? They're the ones who have been holding us hostage in our own offices. Course, that doesn't mean I don't miss my AOLWWF on Monday nights. I can barely remember how it all started. I think it was when AOL bought Time-Warner. I think that was the turning point. Alan, in one of his saner moments, says it was when they bought Microsoft. I think that was inevitable, especially after their acquisition of CBS-Westinghouse. I used to play this game on my computer called "Civilization: Call to Power". The point of the game was to run a (continued on page 14)

civilization from its birth all the way to 3000 AD. One of the ways to control your people was by changing their governments. One of the futuristic governments was called the "Corporate

Republic", which was based on the premise that around the 22nd Century, all corporations were international conglomerates free of governmental regulations. They became so huge that they actually became the governments. Man, if they only knew. I have to pull my ragged coat a little closer around me. It's really getting cold. I can hear some gunfire from outside. My guess is that the financial consultants are taking a few potshots at us, just to scare us. A few other people are jumping and look nervous, but I'm too tired to care. Channel AOL 2 said that the temperatures would dip below zero tonight. I guess we'll just have to burn some more back issues of the newspaper for heat. There's another thing I miss: unslanted news. Well, then again, all news was slanted; each of the three major networks and CNN were owned by major companies. But at least you had your choice of slant. Not anymore. Nowadays, it's either AOL or the Critic. I heard rumor that East Tennessee University's student newspaper is still holding out too. Of course, I also heard that AOL has got a huge settlement ready for them. Looks like we're the only holdouts now. I could really go for an AOL Big Mac right about now. Pickles, shredded lettuce, some of that secret sauce . . . that would really hit the spot. What could possibly possess people to want this much power, I wonder? I know the old saying, "Nothing is ever enough", but I never really thought it was true. Even Bill Gates gave away most of his wealth to charity last June. Rumor has it that it was donewhile Steven Case held an AOL Smith & Wesson to his head, though no one can prove that. Of course, Gates' "heart attack" in the pool a week later still draws suspicion. Naturally, we don't hear about that part on the news. More importantly, what do they want with us? I mean, is Case that mad? I keep getting this image in my mind of him sitting behind his big, big, big desk (because in the business world, it's all about the size of your desk), chuckling like a psychotic Victor Frankenstein, rubbing his palms together so hard that the skin is ready to fall off. I'm reminded of an old saying about Alexander the Great: "And when he looked at the maps of his kingdom, of his vast realm, Alexander wept, for there were no more worlds left to conquer." Will Case cry once we finally break down from lack of food and heat, and give in? There's more gunfire. Sounds like covering fire. Hang on a second, Diary. Yup, they've finally brought the lawyers. They're wearing flak jackets and bomb squad helmets. A good idea on their part. I agree with old Wild Bill Shakespeare. I better go meet with them. Alan's in no condition.

This is the last entry in the diary. After this passage there is a small spray of blood on the page.

The Adventures of Mountain Dew Man by Jason Hatch

Year Two...

Kate walked into the student senate office without knocking, interrupting Jim on his computer game. "I like what you did with the office."

Jim spun around in the chair after hitting pause, "Those inspirationally happy warm and fuzzy posters had to go. The Mountain Dew poster goes much better in here."

"You worried that admin might find out?"

"What could they do to me now that I'm in here?"

"Good point," Kate changed the subject. "Have you gotten your schedule yet?"

"Yeah. It's cake. Yours?"

"Except for my advanced journalism class, mine's pretty easy."

"What do you do in that? I've never heard of it."

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"It's only offered every seven or eight years, and, surprisingly, not required for graduation. Your learn all the important journalism stuff that they don't teach in any other class."

"Dare I ask for specifics."
"It's all highly classified."

They shared a laugh as Mark stormed into the closet-like office. "You won't believe this." He held up a copy of the student handbook. "Of the changes we recommended, three are in this thing. Otherwise, they rewrote everything else to be even worse, and I haven't found the disclaimer yet."

"I haven't had a chance to really read it with all the nonsense I'm stuck doing in here, other than video games. I'll take it down to the bio lab. Kate, why don't you do some digging in the library for the current unabridged copy."

"Why are you going to the lab?" Kate asked.

"To find the fine print."
"Oh my God!" Jim almost shouted.

"What?" Mark moved over as Jim stepped back from the microscope. "No, that's just-"

"Wrong."

"Where's the government documents lady?" Kate asked the work-study student at the circulation desk.

"She was let go to save money for the school." He pulled a map out from under the counter for the basement of the library. "Rows one through four are the US legal statutes, five through ten are the US tax code, eleven through twenty-five are the unabridged student hand-books from 1996 to present.

If you need any help, go up one floor and ask the acting dean of library services in the third office on the left."

"Acting, where's Sue?"
"She's now the acting
assistant dean of residential
life."

"Isn't that a little out of her field?"

"Yeah, but she's trying really hard."

"Hmm. Thanks," Kate turned and walked down the three flights of stairs to the dimly lit and barely used government documents floor. A second later, the fire alarm sounded, and the computerized voice asked Kate to leave the building quickly and without panicking. Obeying, Kate hurried upstairs and out a fire door. Absently, she noticed that that floor's alarm wasn't going off.

To Be Continued...

Letters to the Editor:

A group of Japanese students were targets last spring of a biasrelated incident on the Lyndon State College campus. One of the students, who wishes to remain anonymous, told us that while sitting in the dining hall, a small group of students targeted the Japanese students during dinner and for several weeks engaged in kicking the back of their chairs and uttering slanderish and racist expletives. Frightened by these

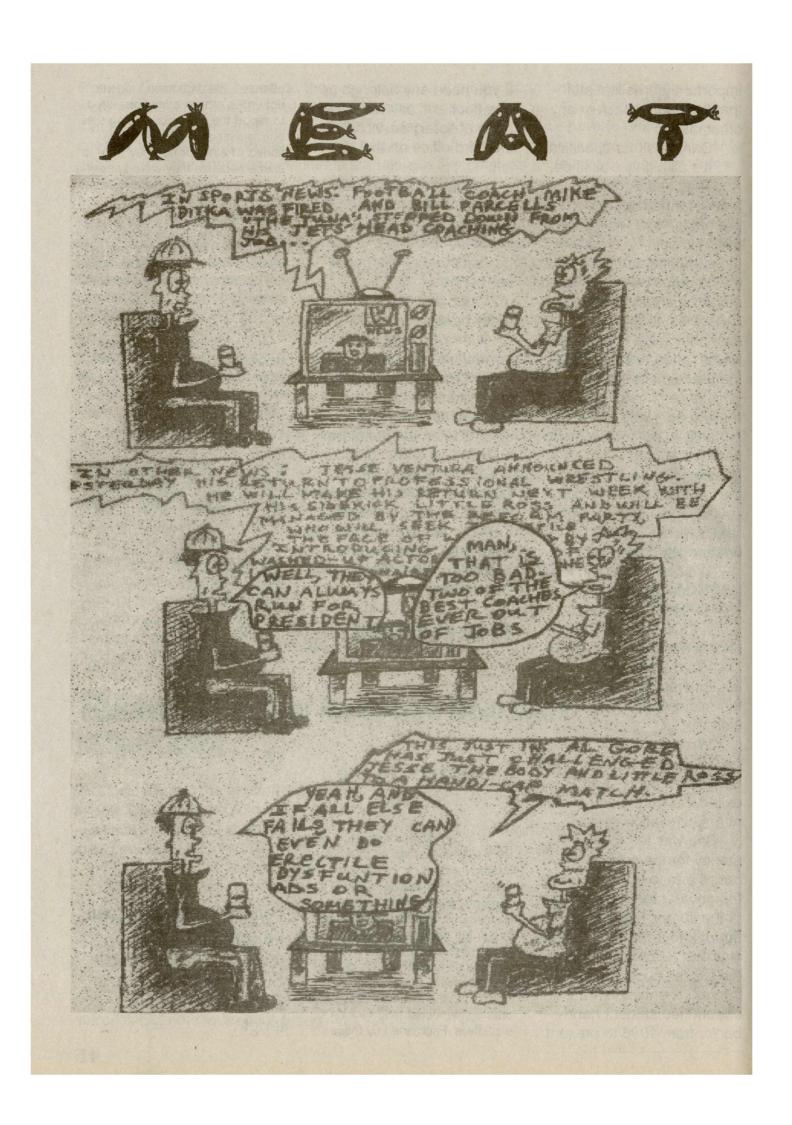
offenses, the Japanese students, not unlike other victims, hesitated to report the students, fearing serious retaliation; they also questioned whether or not they were to blame because they were speaking in their native language. The terror among the Japanese students intensified with the continued harassment, until one student reported the incident. Nothing can be done if bias-related incidences are not reported. A list of contact people is being distributed across campus who will assist you with the complaint process.

Vermont State statutes define hate crimes as acts of violence against individuals because of their religion, sexual orientation, age, mental or physical disability, gender, race or ethnicity.

The Campus Climate committee, comprised of faculty, staff, and students, hopes among other things to educate members of the LSC community on issues related to diversity and sexual harassment by developing training programs, by engaging speakers, and by wr ing informative articles for the CRITIC. Students input and feedback regarding how to best address these issues are welcome (ext. 6418). It is the goal of the committee to create a positive and safe living, learning, and working environment.

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The Impulse Swamped

by Sarah Robbins

It will be quite some time before The Impulse 91.5 is back on the air. The student-run club has been hit with yet another problem, forcing them to once again postpone their long-awaited return. Unlike earlier complications with the transmitter, though, the most recent obstacle cannot be blamed on faulty equipment.

WWLR had been ready to resume daily broadcasting upon return from winter break, and the transmitter problem that had disabled the

station from broadcasting last semester had been resolved.

But, on Sunday, February

27, a pipe burst, spraying water
all over the on-air studio.

Apparently, the incredibly
warm temperatures that Mother

Nature brought with her to the
area caused a drain to thaw,
which then led to a backed-up
pipe. Whatever the case, by

Sunday afternoon the water
was an inch deep.

The breech caused major damage to the station. General Manager Fred Placey explained that, "in terms of equipment, it's all gone." The radio station will have to under-go reconstruction, including new carpeting and sheetrock.

Placey is optimistic, though, and sees the incident as a "mixed blessing." The "warzone" will give them an excuse to clean up the office and paint, he said.

An insurance company has surveyed the damage, but there is no telling when all the paperwork will be complete. The club may not become fully functional until next fall.

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Dean of Academic Affairs Resigns

by Renee Sayers

Paul Tero, Dean of Academic Affairs, resigned on Tuesday, February 29. Currently on medical leave, Tero decided to leave Lyndon State College at the end of this academic year. Tero announced his resignation through an email sent to all faculty and staff. In it he stated, "having enjoyed four years at Lyndon, at this time I seek to find new challenges and to relocate closer to our extended family in Southern New England."

As Dean of Academic
Affairs, Tero's responsibilities
included evaluating faculty,
managing the academic budget,
and attending to all other
academic activities on campus.

Early in February, after a second D.W.I. charge while at Lyndon, Tero went on medical leave. The college president, Carol Moore, had said this was "due to health problems." The incident, according to Moore, "was very unfortunate. And when it is a public person it becomes a very public situation."

Although Moore would not comment on whether the D.W.I. influenced Tero's medical leave, she did say "an individual's life, employment, and an individual's illnesses are confidential, and their business."

However, in a December editorial, Moore wrote "[LSC has a] responsibility to educate its students to the dangers and implications of alcohol use and abuse. We take that responsibility seriously. Keeping our students healthy, informed, and accountable for their actions underlies everything we do on both the academic and extra-curricular level here on the Lyndon State Campus."

Currently, Paul Tero's responsibilities are being taken over by Bruce Berryman,
Associate Academic Dean. "We will be starting the search soon," Moore said, "and hopefully have his position filled by the beginning of next year."

The Caledonian Record v. LSC

by Jamie Keough

In light of the recent hazing events at the University of Vermont, *The Caledonian Record* has decided to seek out information about some of LSC's college procedures.

The newspaper is inquiring about receiving the minutes of disciplinary hearings. The Caledonian Record's editor, Ellie Dixon, said "[We are] trying to determine that all disciplinary hearings fall under the open meeting law."

That law gives the press the right to attend a public meeting. Dixon believes if the college would like to keep what is said during the hearing private there should be an executive session called.

Dixon also said that the paper is not asking for confidential student records, but for only those records connected to disciplinary hearings. This is also an attempt to gain access to an incident last December that involved Lyndon State College students.

The lawyer for the Caledonian Record will meet with Lyndon State's lawyer next monday to negotiate.

LSC in Running for Title Three Grant

by Sarah Robbins

Lyndon State College has
put in a bid for the Title Three
Strengthening Institutions
Grant. The grant, which is
funded by the US Department
of Education, helps institutions
of higher learning become
more self-efficient.

There are a total of 55 Title
Three Strengthening Institution
Grants to be given to eligible
institutions nation wide. The
grants consist of 1.75 million
dollars to be dispersed over a
period of five years. This
works out to be approximately
\$350,000 a year.

In order to be considered for the grant, a school must have a high percentage of financial aid recipients and possess a low endowment fund. This is the first time LSC has applied for the five-year grant since the early 1990s.

According to Judith Beaupre,

Director of Institutional

Advancement, if accepted, LSC

would use the money to
purchase much needed equipment for the television studies
program, computers for the
whole campus, science lab
equipment, and materials for
the education department.
Some money would also be
implemented to provide
opportunities for faculty to
attend conferences; and,
another chunk would be
allocated to a scholarship
endowment fund.

A decision as to whether LSC gets the grant will be made sometime this summer. If the college is granted the money, it will begin making use of it on October 1, 2000.

Linda Morgan, Assistant
Director of Institutional
Advancement, says, "cross your
fingers, this would be a big
boon to our college."

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LSC's Tuition To Increase

by Jamie Keough

Lyndon State College will be increasing tuition by 3.5% for the 2000-2001 school year.

The reason for the increase is because the Governor Howard Dean has recommended that the colleges receives only a 5% increase in state appropriations. This figure means colleges will have to cut their projected 2001 budget by more than \$2.2 million.

Chancelor of the Vermont State Colleges, Robert Clarke said that colleges have been asked to cut costs on campus, and \$800, 000 of those cuts would have to be divided among the campuses.

The Commission on Higher Education has recommended a 7% increase of state appropriations. If this is accepted then the \$800, 000 budget cuts to the colleges will be reduced to \$458, 000, but it would still be slashing the budget, Clarke said.

LSWF

St. Patrick's Day Mania

Friday, March 17 8:00 p.m. in the Stannard Gymnasium

Downtown St. Johnsbury is Still Up and Running

by Stacy Patterson

In the last couple of months, the St. Johnsbury downtown has suffered tragedies, setbacks, and disasters. Early this year the Downtown Business Association lost five businesses in a tragic fire that claimed three lives.

The massive blaze destroyed the 100 year old Daniels building which housed Homer Fitts and Elizabeths Fashions. These two businesses plan to rebuild but aren't sure when construction will begin and finish. The businesses located beside this building were severely water damaged. Northern Lights bookstore hopes to reopen in a couple of months while Shoe Country and Kingdom Toys await their fate.

And, just this week, two businesses on Eastern Avenue received heavy fire damage. The remaining businesses have suffered financial setbacks due to the lack of tourism in the downtown area.

2000 Edition of the Lyndon Review Released

The 2000 edition of *The Lyndon Review*, Lyndon State's annual literary review, has been released. Offering a selection of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and art, the Review features the efforts of seventeen Lyndon State students. The selections were determined by a board of student editors.

The edition marks the Review's fifteenth year of publication, and it showcases the best writing to annually come out of LSC. Editor Heather Mrowka warns readers in her introduction to hold on to this copy of the review, because a best selling author may spring from its pages in the future. She tells readers to "seize the signature because we're going to be big! Don't say I didn't warn you."

Those published in the Review follow: Dana Amey, Tony Avona, Ray Coulombe, Diane Green, J.L. Haddaway, Paul Larochelle, Ernest LeBlanc, Jen Manley, David Moses, Anne Nault, Jamie Norton, Jeremy Perkins, Bradley Ross, Jason Scherer, and Graham Waleryszak. Co-Editors Jason Hatch and Heather Mrowka also contributed work to the Review. LSC Assistant Professor Chandler Gilman is the advisor for the annual project.

The Lyndon Review is available at the Lyndon State College bookstore, local bookstores, or by contacting Chandler Gilman at (802) 626-6243.

Student Government Hard at Work

by Sarah Robbins

The past month has been very busy for the student government, who has put in many long nights shaping next year's budget. The House has taken "advice" from L.S.C. President Carol Moore and has proposed to allocate more money to the Campus Activities Board. All other student clubs will feel a significant budget crunch due to this redirection of money.

House has passed a budget for the 2000-2001 school year that places 50% of the \$120 Student Activities Fee (a tuition fee automatically charged to students) into a fund for C.A.B. The rational behind this increased allotment is that the college needs more broadbased programming. More money is needed by C.A.B. to sponsor "specialized" events, which will attract more commuters and nontraditional students.

In the past C.A.B. has only been allotted 35% of

the Student Activities Fee. Due to this 15% increase, every other club on campus is now forced to cut money from their last year's budget.

There are still three stages to be completed before the budget is finalized. First, the Senate must vote on the proposed budget. Second, the President of the Student Association, Jason Hatch, will have one week to review the budget before it is passed on to President Moore. Moore will have the final say on whether the money has been fairly distributed.

In other news, due to a conflict of interest, the Senate voted to remove Judy Raper, Assistant Dean of Campus Life, from her position as Senate advisor. Associate Professor of Chemistry, John Pellerin, was voted to replace her.

Another position has also been altered. Treasurer Daryll Caber resigned on February 28 due to personal reasons. Justin Rosier was then elected to fill the position.

The Senate also addressed the actions of Academic Dean, Paul Tero. A letter of concern was sent to President Moore discussing the "lack of severity" in placing Tero on medical leave after he received his second D.W.I. while at the college The letter made reference to the student handbook, where statements refer to equal treatment by the college towards faculty, staff, and students.

Dates of House and Senate meetings are posted outside of the Student Association Office in the Student Center. The student body is urged to attend. Come listen in on discussions about what is going on in your college community.



In Response to C.A.B.'s proposed 15% increase in funding: a commuter's criticism

(An Opinion Piece)

by Jeremy Perkins

Just for my own edification here, why does C.A.B. need more money? I've been a commuter for all of my five years here at Lyndon, and not once, until of course my girlfriend has been forced to attend them by GEU 'executive order' and dragged me along, have attended a C.A.B. event.

This is not to say that C.A.B. is not well-intentioned or does not offer a variety of events from which to choose. Indeed, I believe that they have great intentions and offer a mild number of enjoyable events, however I fail to understand how C.A.B.'s new 50% of each full-time student's \$124 Student Activity Fee (a mandatory fee imposed upon students, who for the most part have no idea where this 'gift' even goes, as part of the college tuition bill) will help tempt a demographic of students that on average spend little to moderate time on campus anyway. let alone would hang-around for "specialized events."

Yet, the proposal seems to have backing by the SGA, perhaps in part to president Moore's "advice" to pass this new redirection of club funds. What about all the other campus clubs whose funding will most certainly suffer from this redirection of club money? What as well of the college's promise to prospective students that if L.S.C doesn't offer a club the student wants, than he can propose the creation of one? A new club (and there have been two this year already) must surely suckle a few drips from an exhaustible pool which seemingly shrinks by the second.

Of course, if this new C.A.B. money were to be allocated to a general "beefing up" (a climbing to the next step in the entertainment ladder) of the C.A.B. event schedule, instead of to commuter and non-traditional "specialized events," the college might, to everyone's surprise, find the campus teeming with activity (both on-campus, commuter, and residential community).

But I fear this is an ephemeral vision I see before me. One that, for now, escapes realization. So, presently, I guess that I will have to sit and pray that my (and others') \$124 will some day bring in other entertainment than fake James Taylor's, ex-model feminists with slide shows of bologna dresses and axes to grind on dead-horse issues and slid, and the same comedian 5 times.

(Other reactions on Student Government found on page 14 and 15).

Basketball Round-Up

by Krystin Connolly

LSC Men and Women Go 3-1 at Home

In a rare home game weekend, February fifth and sixth, the Lyndon State men and women took on conference foes Notre Dame and Atlantic Union.

Women

The Hornet women came out fighting against Notre Dame. The score was 27-18 in LSC's favor at the half, but in the second the Hornets were outscored 22 to 16. The women hung tough, though, and their hard work paid off, as they won in a very low scoring game, 43-40.

Leading the way in points for Lyndon were captains Sabrina Matthews (14), and Jen Garcia (12). Matthews was eight for eight at the foul line and the leading scorer in both halves. All of Garcia's points were off of three pointers.

Sunday's game held a different fate for the Hornet women, however. The Lady Hornets won the tip-off and scored the first two points, but the Flames of Atlantic Union answered with a three-pointer.

The game bounced back and forth, and halfway through the first half the score was 18-15,

AtlanticUnion.

The visitors then went on a 5-0 run, stretching the score to 23-15. But the Hornets did not let up, strengthening their game both defensively and offensively.

A three-pointer by Jen Garcia revved up her team, and in the last five minutes of the half LSC managed to score nine points, making their deficit a mere one point, 31-30, at the half's close.

Lyndon came out roaring in the second half as well, going on a 5-0 run. But their lead did not hold, as the Flames fought back and tied the game. Back and forth they went, the score reflecting an even battle, until the Flames scored seven straight points and began to pull away.

Lyndon tried to answer back as Jen Garcia hit a three to cut the deficit to 57-53 with 2:40 left on the clock. Maggie Scott then sunk two foul shots, and Anna Cavallaro scored two points to bring Lyndon within two.

Using full court pressure in an attempt to force a turnover, the Hornets had their chance in the last five seconds. But Becky Hilton's three-pointer hit the rim and bounced off, making the final 61-59, AU.

Coach Mellor said that his team "did a heck of a job in the last minute." He also remarked, "we let them have a couple of offensive rebounds that killed us. You have to give them credit."

In double digits for the Hornets were Maggi Scott (12), Sabrina Matthews (17), and Jen Garcia (14). They all had eight points in the first half, and Garcia splashed three three-pointers.

Men

Against Notre Dame on Saturday, the men came out strong and played aggressively. Under new head Coach Skip Pound, the men trounced their opponent 98-65. "There was a great effort from everybody," said Pound. "Offense came from unexpected places."

Five players were in double digits for the Hornets. Eric Bogie led the way with 21. Jim Nelson netted 17, Joe Layn 13, Vinnie Maloney 12, and Shane Garceau 11. Nelson led the first half with 11 points and had four three-pointers. Bogie had 13 in the second.

Sunday saw the men continue their outstanding play and notch a 74-65 win over the Atlantic Union Flames, bringing their conference record to 4-4, and their (cont. on pg.9)

Round-Up

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(cont. from pg. 8) overall record to 7-13.

In the first half, the game was much the same as the women's, each team trading baskets. But the Flames soon went on a 14-2 run, and led the game half way through the first, 24-16.

The Hornet men clawed their way back into the game, though, and were only down by four at half time, 43-39. Jim Nelson and Joe Layn had an outstanding game, scoring nine and eight points, respectively.

Beginning the second half with possession of the ball, Lyndon turned up the momentum, scoring six points and allowing only two, to tie the game, 46-46.

Lyndon then quickly took the lead, 51-46. It was a lead they would not give up, and one that would grow to ten points with five minutes left to play.

The game was highlighted by an authoritative Joe Layn slam, who led scoring in the game with 23. He also grabbed nine rebounds. Jim Nelson netted 17 points and seven rebs, and Layn and Garceau each had three assists.

Coach Skip Pound was extremely happy with his team's performance: "We did a real nice job. The key to the game was going full man in the second half." He knew that his men were tired after playing so hard the previous day and said, "they had guts in the second game in two days."

Hornets Come Up Short in Playoffs

Both the Lyndon State men's and women's teams saw action over break in the Mayflower Conference tournament.

Women

The women took on Johnson State and lost 76-56.
According to Coach Mellor,
Johnson senior Holly Patterson
"was too much for LSC as she netted 33 points. Johnson also used their height advantage to score inside."

Lyndon will bring back the same team next year, though, because none of the Lady Hornets are seniors. "The

future is bright for the Lady Hornets," said Mellor. Also, junior and co-captain Sabrina Matthews was named to the Mayflower All-Conference team.

Men

The men faced-off with the College of St. Joseph's, losing in a close call affair, 84-75.

Coach Skip Pound said he was "pleased with how they played under the tough conditions this season." He was also proud of how hard his team played in their final game. Pound said, "if we had a little shooting touch at the end of the game, we could have won."

The Hornets will lose two seniors at the end of the semester to graduation: Randy Rathburn and Ira Wheeler.



Mountain Dew Man

by Jason Hatch

With the help of a spiteful science teacher who'd pissed off one of the deans and not gotten his full professorship after twenty-five years of teaching at the college, Mark and Jim mounted a camera to the microscope and took a roll of film on the extra fine print. The writing came out quite clear for the two sections of microscopic print they found. The first, under the title read "Abridged" and the second, on the copyright page read "As a condition of enrollment to the college, all students waive their rights as guaranteed in the United States Constitution."

While Mark took the pictures down to the one hour photo shop, Jim and Kate shared a pizza in the senate office.

"The dean of mechanical systems and fire alarms told me the library basement would be closed for a least a week, and the handbook stuff hasn't been put into the computer yet."

"That's handy."

"Damn convenient."

"Damn Nomad and Jones," the voice came in over the microphone into Jones's office.

"My hands are tied here."

Nomad clicked the speaker off,

"It looks like they'll be less of a
bother to us now."

"Indeed," Jones agreed.

Elsewhere, the same wire still transmitted to another office. Except here, someone was still listening. "I'm starting to seriously think about bring back MDM."

"Who and how? You can't do it, not anymore."

"Mark might still be willing."

"With what?"

Jim nearly stormed out of the conference room while the two factions in senate continued to argue, although the meeting was over. He slumped up against a wall to wait for the rapid arrival of Kate. "How the hell did this happen?"

"You did fine, better than I would've handled it." Kate looked her notepad over. "Half of your senate is either on

residential life or work-study for the school. Most of those opposed the proposed reaction to the school's inaction on the handbook."

"The creative writing class is doing poetry, huh?"

"How'd you guess? Anyway, it's going to be hard getting much done with this crew."

"I figured." Jim sighed.

"The report is in," Nomad walked into Jones's office unannounced. "Student senate was completely ineffectual last night."

"Well done, Provost." Kate waved as the Freshman drove off, zip disk in hand, for the drive to the printer's with the first issue of the Editor. "I hope he doesn't get lost," she mumbled.

"Have faith," a voice said from the shadows.

She spun, "Who's there?"

"An ally."

"Against?"

"You know."

"Jones?"

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"Jones is a fool," the voice laughed.

"Nomad is the dangerous one."

"What do you want?"

"To help you and your friends Jim, Mark, and Mountain Dew Man."

"How?" Kate turned to listen to the answer, but the man scurried off. When Kate returned to the Editor's office she saw an envelope taped to the door and a can of dew leaning on the door handle. On the envelope the words "with this" were written.

Mark and Jim's new apartment was closer to campus than their previous one and, thankfully, on the first floor. Kate's frantic knocking at two-thirty in the morning woke Mark from a sound sleep and sent him to the door. "Kate?" he asked. She came in without asking and sat down, trembling slightly.

"Two amazing things happened today. The Editor came out on time with minimal staff, and I received an envelope with twelve thousand dollars in it from an unknown source, but it's marked 'Mountain Dew Man.'"

Mark stared for a minute than raised his voice, "Jim, wake up." Kate took the envelope out and handed it to Mark.

"I think someone wants
MDM back."

"With this ... "

"You can match anything the administration throws at you."

"Any ideas on who gave it to us?"

"I'm thinking it's the same person or persons who took the Topaz and the dead SB last spring. I had a little talk with someone right before I found the money. I'll wait for Jim to come out." A minute later, Jim stumbled from his bedroom and made an immediate detour for the fridge, bypassing the still-present twelve pack of caffeine free Dew and grabbed a can of the real stuff for everyone, and Kate told her story.

"I see one answer, MDM,"

Mark said after she's finished.

"That's what someone wants, anyway," Jim added. "That money will outfit Dew Man well enough to put an end to Nomad and her monopoly.

Maybe then, the school will take students seriously."

"I'm willing to do it alone this time," Mark reached for a stack of magazines on the coffee table and began thumbing through them. He pulled out several." All these mailing lists I'm on are going to pay off. I should find something interesting in these 'weapons of mass destruction' catalogs."

"I think I can help in that,"

Kate said. "There's a chapter in
my advanced reporting book
that should come in handy."

"What's it called?" Jim asked.

"Ingenuity."

Some Thoughts on the Common Cockroach by Jeremy Perkins

To anyone who hasn't seen *What Planet Are You From*? yet, spend the 7 bucks you were formerly and loyally going to use to add to the "Dubbya" war chest, at one point \$58 million, the richest in American history, and go see the flick.

Gary Shandling plays H1449-6, human alias Harold Anderson, who is dispatched from an all-male alien race to impregnate a human woman and to help his planet conquer Earth and eventually the universe.

The one catch is that the race's "reproductive organs have shrunk and disappeared." So, Harold's mission requires the attachment of an artificial male organ that hums like an electric razor whenever he's aroused.

Alas, the training on his home planet had gone little beyond showing him the female "access point" and teaching the standard male response to women's nagging: "Uh huh." So, poor Harold is a tad unprepared for the human complexities of social foreplay.

Harold finally finds a suitable candidate in Susan Hart (Annette Bening), who plays a ditzy space cadet Harold first meets at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.

Had this movie come out a couple of years ago, it would have been the more 'down to earth' tale of the Bill and Monica daytime soap. Except that if Clinton's, let's say 'cigar,' had hummed like an electric razor, Hillary may have been able to keep better track him; and, if Monica hadn't been an alcoholic before the incident, she probably is now.

Now, it seems one parody has, as parodies do, has spawned another. In response to the actions of the first president to use the Oval Office as a venue for being sodomized by a White House intern - or to have his DNA tested for an (unconnected) paternity suit; or to have his foreign policy both previewed and satirized in a Hollywood comedy, Wag the Dog - we find ourselves wondering where the movie ends and the reality returns. Had one of the presidential candidates of this year said "I stand for politics as usual" he probably would be leading by a landslide. Instead, we have the sappy vaguery, "compassionate conservatism." That quasi-Republican saying that is supposed to appeal to the liberals as well. Gimmie a break. This guys is as wishy-washy as Charlie Brown. Nevertheless, it seems that we are about to witness an event in this country that has never happened before in our republic: an authentic political restoration.

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space cadet, the American public's answer is Dubbya, Bush Lite, none other than George Bush Jr. After all, it was during the Bush Senior years that commentators occasionally suggested that U.S. politicians had begun to exploit what fashion marketer Ralph Lauren had been tapping for years: a popular nostalgia for the solid, traditional upper-class America of Princeton clubs and Groton rowing teams, summer cottages in Kennebunkport, tennis matches, and starched manners.

But what are W.'s credentials? For the first time in U.S. history the qualifications of a front-runner for the presidency are converging with those of the Prince of Whales: heredity and birth. Alan Keyes, a candidate for the Republican nomination, clearly had Bush in mind during a debate last December when he spoke about those who owe their success to family connections. And, Texas populist Jim Hightower even puts Bush Lite's lack of presidential credentials into a baseball analogy: "He was born on third base and thinks he hit a triple."

Never mind that as governor of Texas he has allowed over a hundred executions in a state with a notoriously loose judicial system, or that he flirted with an SEC insider-trading violation. Or that his brother Neil was fined a relatively small amount for his conflict-of-interest involvement as a director of the failed Silverado Savings and Loan. Not to mention W.'s brother Jeb, whose involvement in a loan default contributed to the failure of a Florida S&L.

So, Is W. more than another scion who has made a decent governor during a period of prosperity and easy growth? Probably not. But, superficially, at least, a victory for Junior will put the GOP in clover. They would have the Oval Office and probably keep congress too.

But I guess electing a president whose credentials, not to mention integrity, are suspect is par for the course, all things considered. After all, a CEO gets paid for driving you stock into the sewer. An artist gets paid for tipping over a bucket of paint onto a canvas. Baseball players get paid for scratching and spitting all summer. NBA guys get paid for carrying the ball five steps and whining about their coaches, then beating them up. And musicians get paid for looking like carnival freak shows and not making music. I think it all started when Elvis got paid for not being able to sing.

So, when Governor Bush, as he addressed the Christian Coalition says, "America needs a president that won't have sex, I can be that president," we must first wonder to ourselves what the hell he's talking about then all cheer that the Oval Office seems to be returning to a paler, watered-down version of an original mediocrity.

Letters to the Editor

Dissatisfaction with the SGA

To the Editor:

This letter is to address the growing dissatisfaction with the LSC student government.

Many people within the student body have expressed concern that the current Student Government Association (SGA) has become out of control.

They also feel that the SGA is acting in self-interest and not in the interest of the students, which is the original purpose of individuals elected.

In past years, student government has worked hard to improve Lyndon as a whole. It has attempted to establish a better relationship between the college and surrounding community through community service opportunities, student discount cards, student skipasses to Burke Mountain, and sponsoring activities such as Earth Day events and trips to Washington D.C.

In the past year and a half, these events that helped strengthen LSC and bring people together have fallen by the wayside, with no attempts by the SGA to either bring them back or attempt other events to continue this trend. The only thing that is heard to come out of student government nowadays is sophomoric bickering and petty selfinterest. Instead of using their positions to foster a closer working community with administration and students, the SGA has consistently adopted a plan of rebellion.

Case in point: at a Senate meeting on Wednesday, March first, during a closed session, senators overstepped their bounds by voting to remove their advisor, Judy Raper, Assistant Dean of Campus Life. Instead of trying to work with her and the administration, Senate went behind her back and chose a new advisor without coming to Dean Raper and trying to work things out. They did so in a closed session, meaning they made her leave and didn't allow her to plead her case before them. Senate's argument was that being an administrator was a "conflict of interest."

One reason you have an administrator as an advisor to student government is that it eliminates the middleman when dealing with college administration.

Instead, the SGA chooses to distance themselves from the administration and the students by becoming their own entity. The main focus of student government is to be inclusive of everyone: the students, the administration, and the rest of the LSC community, so that Lyndon State College becomes better as a whole and for the individual. The current SGA has chosen instead to breed negativity by opening the LSC handbook and nit-picking every policy in it.

When they do not get the answers they are looking for, they haul someone in and turn what could be an open and honest discussion about policy into a witch-hunt.

While many disagree with school policies, they do not all believe that the administration is out to get them, as several members of the SGA believe.

The flyers to join the student senate read, "Have you ever heard the phrase, 'if you don't vote, don't bitch'? Then join senate if you like to do either or both."

This past year alone more than ten senators and executive board members have resigned their positions mainly because they could not stand the negativity that the current senate, led by the equally bitter "student body" president, has created. These were good people, people who could have done much for the college, but instead they resigned because of the constant negativity.

If the SGA is the true "student voice," then they are doing a poor job of it. Since the current SGA administration took office, they have distanced themselves from the students and have misrepresented the student body elsewhere.

Last week, for example, a
Legislative was held where
students from all of the
Vermont State Colleges (VSC)
could go and discuss issues
pertaining to the VSCs with
state lawmakers. Lyndon was not
represented.

Lyndon also hasn't been represented fairly at the annual meetings of the Vermont State Colleges Student Association (VSCSA), where our current SGA president also alienates the voice of the students he represents. When that happens, not only does he look bad; the students at Lyndon State look even worse.

Student government has a responsibility to the student body. They are the link between students and college administration, and they are supposed to be our voice in legislative matters. However, when they refuse to adequately represent us, we the students must take action. We must demand that we be fairly represented at all times and that someone who will listen to us and fight for us represents us, rather than themselves.

There was a time when people cared about what

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happened on this campus. It is time that this spirit returns to LSC, and we finally have people who will work hard to make the rest of this year, as well as the next, the best we at LSC have ever seen.

Sincerely, Frederick Placey Lucia Von Letkemann

Mellor Speaks Out

To the Editor:

When I finished reading Jamie
Norton's article on college athletics in
the October 14th issue, I was unsure
about the intent of his question at the
end of the article. I didn't know if it
was meant to be a rhetorical question
question or if its purpose was to promote discussion. In case he was
seeking an answer, I am presenting a
reply that will hopefully provide the
LSC community with a better understanding of athletics at Lyndon State.

Yes, the athletics program at LSC is free of the abuses that are prevalent in sports at a number of major colleges and universities. As a matter of fact, LSC is nearly at the exact opposite end of the spectrum.

As a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), LSC must abide by a set of rules in regard to academic eligibility of athletes. In order to participate in a varsity sport during the freshmen year, the athelete must meet at least two of three criteria which deal with high school grade point average, SAT score, and class rank. After freshmen year,

the athelete must pass 24 credits in the two semesters immediately prior to any semester of participation. The academic performance of many student atheletes at LSC compares very favorably to the performance of the other students at our school.

When budget concerns have been discussed in recent years, I have heard several members of the LSC community suggest. that athletics might be one area where overspending occurs. In reality, the budget for athletics at Lyndon State might have the least "fat" of any budget at the college. The athletics program here is definitely not overfunded when it is compared to the programs of the schools that LSC competes against, both public and private. LSC does not offer any athletic scholarships. there is no budget for expenses (travel, etc) which are incurred for assistant coaches and the salaries for head coaches are low, even when compared to other Vermont State College.

Student athletes are of tremendous value to Lyndon State. Recent studies regarding enrollment and retention support this claim. Student athletes are truly ambassadors for the college when they travel and compete at other schools. Money spent on athletics is an investment in the future of LSC.

In most cases, our studen athletes play for the love of their sport. They benefit from the camaraderie and sense of achievement that comes from a team effort. They do not receive special treatment or rewards. One of their greatest sources of satisfaction comes from the attendance of fans at the athletic contests. Please come out and support our student athletes!

Unless you are directly associated with an athletic team at LSC, much of the information presented above may be unfamiliar to you. Perhaps you will

now view our athletics program in a different lights.

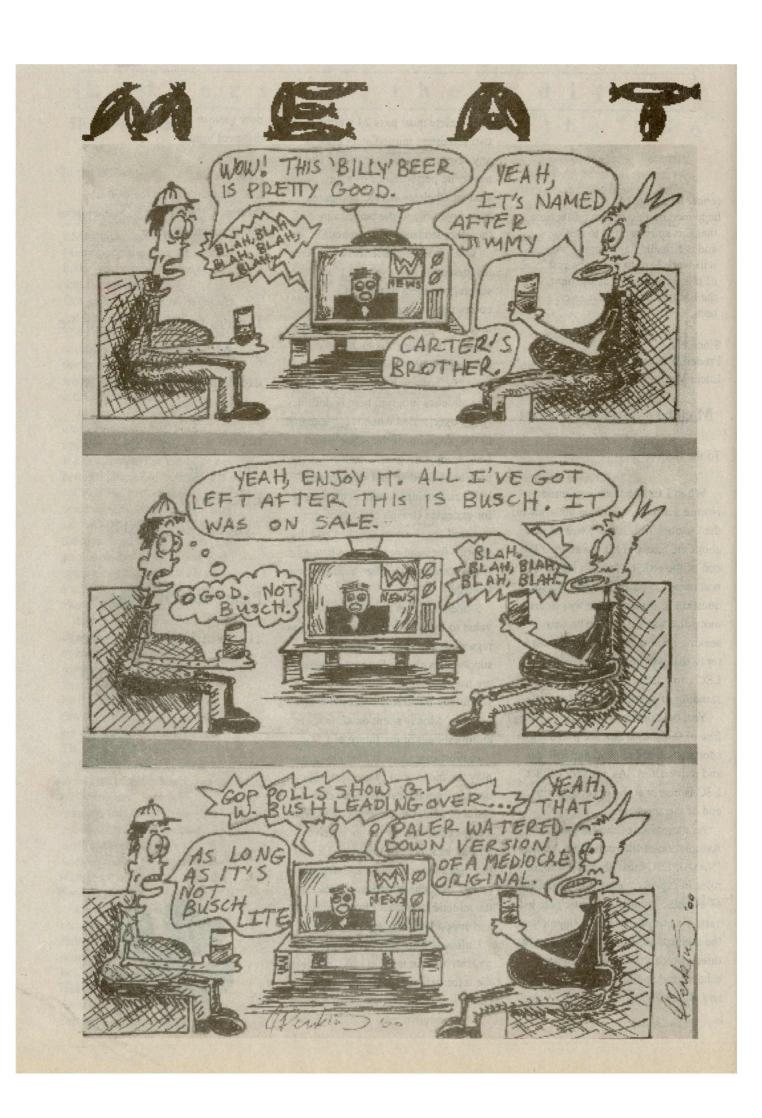
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15%. The Settlement

by Renee Sayers

Last month the new Vermont State College Faculty Federation contract was passed, 110 to 20. The contract between the Vermont State Colleges and the faculty entailed many new changes affecting salary and health care. Ernie Broadwater, Lyndon State's Chapter Chair, said, "Any contract is a compromise for each side."

The new contract has been under negotiations since last August. Roy Vestrich, President of the Vermont State College Faculty Federation, wrote, "The actual terms of this settlement are a result of numerous and often difficult negotiating sessions held these past few months." Broadwater said, "It just took a while for each side to move."

major components of the con- faculty health care. Health care tract. The contract calls for a cost rose to a maximum increase new method of calculating the

yearly pay increase rate, which is based on a national level. According to the Settlement for Collective Bargaining Agreement, which contains the articles of the contract, "The salary formula may look a bit complicated, but it is actually fairly simple."

Total faculty compensation in any given year would be approximately 100% of the national average for similar category public institutions. If VSC faculty salaries are similar to the nations then their salaries stay the same. However, if there is a difference then VSC pay will adjust accordingly. Broadwater states, "This may be an advantage or disadvantage, we will have to see over the next three years. They will not cut our salaries, but we may not receive raises."

Also, the new contract stipu-Salary increase was one of the lates an increase in the cost of Agreement states, "Increases in the premium will be capped so that there will be no more than the 15% increase in premium share in any one year."

For full-time faculty the contract ensures extra compensation for teaching classes over twelve credits. According Broadwater, this is definitely an advantage to the new contract. As stated by the Settlement Agreement, "Overload pay will increase by \$50 per credit per year of the agreement." This means that payment for a 3-credit course will increase by \$600 by the last year of the agreement. "This is a significant increase, and one long sought by our members," Broadwater stated.

However, the contract did not change the status of health care for the part-time faculty, who still do not receive health care benefits through the Vermont (cont. on p. 3) (cont. from cover)

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State College system. A parttime faculty member who teaches fewer than twelve credits per semester cannot buy into the college health care package. Broadwater said, "At present, the VSC will not allow them to get health care. Improving life for the part-time faculty has to be one of the jobs of the college." Part-time faculty represent a large percentage of the VSC education system, and Broadwater states that "They don't get paid enough to be able to purchase personal insurance outside the college."

Along with the health care changes came a stipulation that will considerably adjust VSC class sizes: "A college will now

have the right to add up to 15% or 4 students to a faulty member's course."

Now, with the new contract passed, there are only three more years remaining until another contract comes into negotiation. Broadwater said, "We will just wait and see how this contract works for the next three years." *

Vermont Interactive Television Comes to LSC

by Sarah Robbins

The local branch of Vermont Interactive Television (V.I.T.) has accepted an offer to relocate at Lyndon State College. The videoconferencing service had once before been set-up at LSC, and, according to site coordinator Phil Dimaggio, it is "glad to be coming home." V.I.T. needs to leave their current location at St. Johnsbury Academy so that the school can expand. And, since LSC's proposal was the only one received by V.I.T., the service welcomed the offer.

The question of where to put it, however, is still up in the air. According to Dimaggio, the videoconferencing service needs a large space, 1000-2000 square feet, to accommodate a studio, control room, and office. The Information Technology (IT) office would satisfy these requirements.

The chair of the LSC Campus Planning Committee, Kevin Farrell, said the proposal to President Moore suggests V.I.T. be placed in the IT office. Information Technology would be moved to Instructional Materials Center (IMC) on the second floor of the library. The IMC would be moved to rooms 201 and 202 of the library, and the office of Garet Nelson, Director of Library Instructional Technology, would then be relocated to the first floor.

This new proposal isolates shifting of offices to one building, making the process less expensive than the formerly proposed dismantling the T. N. Vail Museum and concurrent renovation of the Alumni house.

According to supporters of V.I.T. coming to the college, in midst of a highly technical age the services provided by the service could be quite useful to the college community. This service would provide the administration with a means of attending Vermont State College meetings without traveling long distances. It could also be used as an educational tool in the

Dimaggio believes that the college will also benefit from exposure to the community, and that V.I.T. services will draw people to the campus and expose them to what L.S.C. has to offer. Dimaggio also anticipates hiring students for part-time help. *

classroom.

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Earth Day Celebration and Campus-Wide Clean-up

by Sarah Robbins

Spring is finally here! So why not get outside and enjoy Mother Nature while lending a helping hand in a campus-wide cleanup?

A group of LSC students are organizing a huge Earth Day celebration, which will take place on April 22, the day before Easter. The big day will begin at 10:00 and last until 5:00. The main goals of LSC's fifth annual Earth Day celebration are to recycle 2000 cans and bottles and clean-up campus-wide. The event is expected to attract people of all ages from the campus, community, and nearby colleges.

For entertainment, bands including Snakeroot, Positive Repercussions, and Telefunkin U47 will be playing throughout the day. Also, many student-run clubs will be offering a variety of activities. The Literary Society will be holding a poetry reading, and the Outing Club will be educating people about living off the earth. The Rugby team is scheduled to play a flag-football game, while CAB has arranged for laser tag and a motion simulator to be on campus for the day. There are just a few of the activities being offered, promising much fun and entertainment.

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People are also encouraged to stick around after the sun goes down to watch an 8:00 pm performance of the Twilight Players' "Arsenic and Old Lace.

"If any more clubs would like

to contribute to the event by sponsoring an activity for a couple of hours call Lisa at extension 6483. Be on the look out for flyers, schedules, and recycling boxes. Let's make this an event to remember! *

Lyndon State Biologists Visit Puerto Rico

Eight Lyndon State students spent their winter break in a much warmer locale than Lyndonville. These students, accompanied by Biology Professor Dave Conant, Lab Technician Theresa Conant, and English department member Ramon Geremia, spent a week in Puerto Rico studying tropical ferns.

The group arrived in Puerto Rico on February 22nd, traveling to the small town of Adjuntas, a small, traditional Latin American town built around a central plaza surrounded by shops and churches, and located in the central mountains of the island. The town welcomed the traveling scientists. "The people of Adjuntas seemed genuinely pleased to have a group of Americans choose their town as a destination. They were incredibly hospitable," said Dave Conant.

The students and professors worked primarily in the montane (high elevation) rainforest on the slopes of Monte Jayuya, located forty minutes from Adjuntas. There, the students worked on a variety of independent studies, which ranged from ecological studies of epiphytic ferns to studying the relationship of spore germination and gametophyte growth to soil pH. Aside from their work in the mountains, the group traveled to limestone hills to study ferns that characterize a region with a different soil type, visited a forest grown on an upraised reef, and collected samples in the Luquillo Rainforest on the eastern end of the island. Amidst their scientific endeavors, the group found time to enjoy their tropical venue of study, swimming and snorkeling in the Caribbean and spending time on the beach. They also visited Old San Juan, where they took in the sights of sixteenth century Spanish forts.

Students participating in the trip were Jennifer Blay, Mary Donnell, Tim Dow, Jessie Dubuque, Melissa Kurkoski, Jared Locke, Mirabai McCarthy and Shane Shaw. They are classmates in Biology 376 - Advanced Systematic Botany. St. Johnsbury Academy student Caitlin Conant also accompanied the group. *

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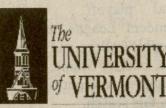
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Krystin on Sports

LSC Men Shake Winter Rust and Gear Up for Spring Baseball

by Krystin Connolly

The Lyndon State men's baseball team has been gearing-up for another new season, working out the kinks of a long North East Kingdom off-season. The men have been practicing nightly inside and can be seen many afternoons fielding ground balls in the Stonehenge parking lot.

When asked about his team and goals for the season, head coach Skip Pound said that his team was "young, very young." However, he added, "I would like to see us qualify for the New England Independent four-team playoff." The winner goes to the New England Independent regional playoff. Fellow Independent League members St. Joseph's College and Husson College, both of Maine, will be the biggest competition for Lyndon this season.

Captains for this year are Shawn Clough (senior), Ryan Farley (sophomore), and Dave Sweet (sophomore). Pound stated the goals for his captains as such: "to energize and be enthusiastic and believe in our program." They are also expected to communicate between the team and the coaching staff. As well, all seniors will be expected to lead on the field. Pound also said, "I think we've got a very good pitching staff. We go with the best pitcher available for that day."

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The Hornets played their first two of twenty-eight games on March 25 at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. They made their annual trip to St. Petersburg, Florida over Spring Break, using the week to practice outdoors and get ready for the up-coming season. Their first match-up is at St. Michael's College this Wednesday. *

Baseball Team Roster and Schedule

COACHES

Head: Skip Pound

Assistants: Mark Hilton, Stu Farina

Manager: Erica Page

TEAM

Seniors: Jim Brooks (DH/C), Shawn Clough (P/OF), Brian Lalime (P/OF), Tom Nutting (P/2B)

Juniors: Gray Calkins (OF)

Sophomores: Ryan Farley (SS), Dave Sweet (C), Sheperd Ward

(P/1B)

Freshmen: Jared Carlson (P/OF), Phil Colacchio (1B), Bobby Coombs (OF), Ross Feerick (P/3B), Nathan Holst (3B/OF), Jared Marsh (C), Josh Underwood(2B/OF), Landon Warmouth (P), and Patrick Ryan (SS/OF)

SCHEDULE

March 25 - Mass. College Of Pharmacy - 2 - 12:00PM

April 3 - Warner Southern College - 1 - 3:30PM

12 - St. Michael's College -2 - 3:00PM

15 - Colby-Sawyer College - 2 - 1:00PM

16 - U-Maine Farmington - 2 - 12:00PM

18 - Thomas College - 2 - 2:00PM

19 - Castleton State College - 2 - 2:00PM

21 - Norwich University - 2 - 2:00PM

22 - Husson College - 2 - 2:00PM

23 - Husson College - 2 - 2:00PM

24 - St. Michael's College - 2 - 3:00PM

27 - St. Joseph's College (ME) - 2 - 5:00PM

29 - Castleton State College - 2 - 1:00PM

30 - Plymouth State College - 2 - 12:00PM

May 2 - St. Michael's College - 1 - 4:00PM

3 - Middlebury College - 1 - 4:00PM

Krystin on Sports

Tonya Davis Named as Softball Coach and Season Expectations

by Krystin Connolly

The Lyndon State softball team has been busy with indoor practice almost daily for about a month now with conditioning, fielding, hitting, and pitching gearing up for another great season. They come off a stellar season last year, in which the women won the Mayflower Conference and went to the regional tournament in Philadelphia.

This year there will be a new head coach for the team and expectations remain high. Tonya Davis, a 1996 graduate of Lyndon State and former shortstop for the Hornets, is taking over the reins.

The job became available last season, after six-year veteran Tammi Cady stepped down. Davis, who was chosen for the job after interviewing with Athletic Director Skip Pound and women's basketball coach Dave Mellor, said she took the job because she "loves to coach."

Her previous softball coaching experience includes Senior League. Davis says, "my whole life I've been involved in athletics," and she hopes to lead the Hornets to another conference title.

"We only have two new players," she said, referring to two seniors. "The chances of us going to regionals again is well within our reach." She also believes that if her team can avoid injury they can do well. The Lady Hornets captains are Allison Chase, Chori Braley, and Jodi Raymond. Coach Davis sees all three as "great leaders"

and "key players" who "play key positions on the field."

The twenty-four game season, which is played in twelve doubleheaders, began on March 25 when the women traveled to Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. During spring break the Hornets made their annual trip south to Orlando, Florida for a week of practice and one doubleheader.

The women then returned to Vermont for the rest of their season, which begins at home on April 12 against Middlebury College. Lyndon's biggest conference rival this year looks to be Green Mountain College, who was also tough last year. The Hornets should have another impressive season overall and the outlook is good. *

Softball Team Roster and Schedule

COACHES

Head: Tonya Davis
Assistant: Barb Whittier

Student Intern Assistant: Jenn Craft

TEAM

Seniors: Chori Braley (CF), Catherine Paul (IF/OF), Jodi Raymond (SS/IF)

Juniors: Sara Bartlett (C), Tara Bartlett (3B), Renee Breault (C,

2B, 3B), Alison Chase (1B), Kathleen Keating (P)

Sophomores: Amy Chamberlain (IF), Jill Gilardi (IF/OF), Kim Kangas (OF/2B), Jean Norris (P/IF)

Newcomers: senior, Sarah Ash (OF/IF), and freshman, Leslie Sykes (OF)

SCHEDULE

March 25 - Massachusetts College of Pharmacy - 12:00

April 5 - Warner Southern College - 2:00

12 - Middlebury College - 3:00

14 - University of Maine at Farmington - 3:00

15 - Notre Dame College - 1:00

16 - Husson College - 12:00

19 - Castleton State College - 2:00

22 - Trinity - 12:00

23 - Thomas College - 1:00 24 - St. Michael's College - 3:00

27 - Green Mountain College - 3:00

29 - Johnson State College - 1:00

May 2 - Mayflower Conference Tournament @ Green Mountain

6-7 - Region 10 Tournament at CACC (New Jersey) TBA

Krystin on Sports

LSC Tennis Team with High Hopes

by Krystin Connolly

The Lyndon State men's tennis team has been busy practicing for their upcoming season, although they did not have a coach for most of the preseason. Seniors and captains Joe Coughlin and Ben Lisai had taken over as interim coaches in the preseason, planning practice times and making sure the team was on the same wavelength.

Then Rich Carlson, who

coached the men a couple years ago, took over as part-time coach. Joe Coughlin has high hopes for the team this season. "We want to try and win NAIA's to qualify for nationals," he said. Last year the men placed third in the NAIA tournament and second in the Mayflower Conference.

When asked about team makeup for this season, Coughlin said it was mixed. "We don't have too many guys on the team this year, so it's not too deep."

The men opened their season on March 29 at Castleton State College, annually their biggest conference rival. The Hornets did not travel to Florida for Spring Break this year and will resume their matches after break, when they are at Green Mountain College on the eleventh for a 3:30 match. *

Tennis Team Roster and Schedule

COACH

Rich Carlson

TEAM MEMBERS AND RANKING

Seniors: Joseph Coughlin (2), Ben Lisai (1)

Juniors: Tony Petronio (4), Jonathon Dodge, Brad Williams (5)

Sophomores: Mike Davis (6) Freshmen: Gregg Donner (3).

SCHEDULE

March 29 - Castleton State College - 3:00PM

April 11 - Green Mountain College - 3:30PM

13 - Norwich University - 3:00PM

15 - Mayflower Conference at Green Mountain - 9:00AM

16 - Mayflower Conference at Green Mountain - 9:00AM

18 - Green Mountain College - 3:30PM

20 - Johnson State College - 3:30PM

24 - Castleton State College - 3:30PM

26 - Johnson State College - 3:30PM

27 - Plymouth State College - 3:30PM

29-30 - NAIA Regional Tourney at Castleton State - 9:00AM

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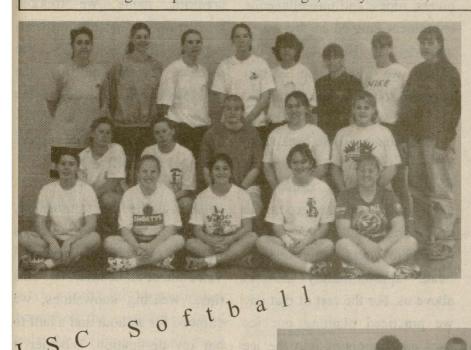
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LSC Sports: Team Photos and Rosters

LSC BaseBall Team



Above: Back row left to right: Trainer Shauna Hale, Jared Carlson, Pat Ryan, Nate Holst, Dave Sweet, Landon Warmouth, Gray Calkins, Phil Colacchio, Sheperd Ward, Head Coach Skip Pound. Front row left to right: Jared Marsh Adam Kendall, Jim Brooks, Ryan Farley, Josh Underwood, Ross Feerick. Missing from photo: Shawn Clough, Bobby Coombs, Brian Lalime, Tom Nutting



To the Left: Back row left to right: Catherine Paul, Alison Chase, Renee Breault, Jodi Raymond, Head Coach Tonya Davis, Assistant Coach Barb Whittier, Student Intern Assistant Jenn Craft, Trainer Lynn Houston. Middle row left to right: Sara Bartlett, Tara Bartlett, Amy Chamberlain, Kathleen Keating, Leslie Sykes. Front row left to right: Jean Norris, Chori Braley, Jill Gilardi, Sarah Ash, Kim Kangas

LSC

To the Right: Back row left to right: Mike Davis, Johnathan Dodge, Tony Petronio, Brad Williams.

Front row left to right: Ben Lisai, Joe Coughlin. Missing: Gregg Donner

To The Right LSC Tennis



Special Feature Story:

Crampons, Biners,

crampon: a metal frame with points protruding out of the bottom and front that is attached to the boot of the climber

biner: a snap link made of aluminum that is an integral part of climbing protection systems (pronounced "beaner," short for carabiner)

hero ice: ice of a particular consistency which makes a climber feel like a "super hero"

It was one of those sunless, sub-zero Northeast Kingdom mornings that makes a warm bed so painful to leave. For the nine of us who signed up for REC 206: Ice Climbing, warmth and comfort soon faded into memories. Instead, we traded those soothing luxuries for hard work and the exhilaration that comes with accomplishing it. We were to make our first ice climb that day.

Our initial class had actually met on a Thursday evening, where John Kascenska, one of our instructors, introduced us to some of the ice climbing equipment and terminology. Among other things, we learned to put on a harness and to tie a re-traced figure eight knot. Our homework

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was to practice knot-tying, since that would be our umbilical cord to the belayer, the person who holds the ropes (attached to the climber's harness) which prevent him/her from hitting the ground.

Now ready for our first climb at Smuggler's Notch, we gathered a few weeks later to help John load assorted climbing gear into an LSC van. Helmets, harnesses, ice axes, crampons, carabiners, ropes, and miscellaneous equipment jangled in the frosty morning air. En route to the Notch we picked up Austin Paulson, John's co-instructor.

Loaded down with backpacks brimming with equipment as well as with food, drink, and extra clothing, we trudged up the access road until we reached the ice. There it was, hovering overhead, approximately 50-feet above us. For the rest of that day we practiced planting our ice axes and crampons into the ice wall, as we hoisted ourselves to whatever point we could reach. Exhilarated and exhausted, we reached campus around six o'clock that evening.

The next Saturday we returned to Smuggler's Notch, but this time to a more challenging loca tion. After what seemed like a

b y Elaine twenty- or thirty-minute hike up the access road, we trudged through thigh-deep snow for another twenty minutes or so, helping each other negotiate the uphills and downhills along the way. Eventually we made a "base camp" a few hundred feet below a 70-foot cascade of ice. Once again, after a day of alternating between climbing, belaying, and cheering each other on as though we were star players in a tiebreaking game, we trekked another mile or more to our waiting van. Once back at LSC, we repeated the routine from the previous week, unloading the van, making sure that the equipment was returned to its respective hook or shelf.

Early the next morning, fatigued from the previous day's workout, we headed to Bridal Veil Falls in Franconia, NH. This time, wearing snowshoes, we climbed for an hour and a half to our icy destination. Whether it was because we had cooled off from the vigorous hike or because we were in a shaded area, the air felt almost polar. Because keeping warm is essential to preserving energy, which is crucial to the climb itself, we found ourselves hopping around to generate heat. Meanwhile, John and Austin kept warm by

and Hero Ice

Razzano

setting ropes and ice screws that we would need to make the ascent. When they were done, there were four different climbs with corresponding levels of difficulty available to us. Soon the third and final day of our ice climbing class neared its end.

Although we don't know for sure what the rest of the group were thinking about their ice climbing experience, from the looks on their faces it was evident that they found satisfaction their accomplishments. Despite the numbing cold and fatigue, as well as the genuine hazards that attend such a sport, there is an excitement about it that is almost addictive. Maybe it's a sense of triumph over adversity, of accomplishment that comes from strength of mind and body. The students who participated in this course were successful because they possessed the qualities of winners: the ability to set and reach goals both independently and collegially, to persist through hardships, and to handle them with patience and humor.

Perhaps they would agree with Duane Raleigh, author and ice climber, that the sport is one you both love and hate: "You feel the pain and revel in the ecstasyoften simultaneously. Ice is a monster with many claws that will gouge out the truth about yourself. You learn more in a dripping, fearful 10 feet of ice than in a century of key tapping or nail pounding or whatever it is you do for a living."

We agree, but that warm bed is certainly tempting.

REC 206: Ice Climbing

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